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ik-oNkaar sat naam kartaa purakh nirbha-o nirvair akaal moorat ajoonee saibhaN gur parsaad.

There is only one Divine whose Name is "existentially True." He is the creator of the universe, all-pervading, without fear, without enmity, independent of time, beyond the cycle of birth and death, and self-revealed. He is realized by the Guru's grace.

॥ ਜਪੁ ॥

jap.

Jap:Contemplate on Divine

ਆਦਿ ਸਚੁ ਜੁਗਾਦਿ ਸਚੁ ॥

aad sach jugaad sach.

The Divine has existed from the beginning and throughout the ages.

ਹੈ ਭੀ ਸਚੁ ਨਾਨਕ ਹੋਸੀ ਭੀ ਸਚੁ ॥੧॥

hai bhee sach naanak hosee bhee sach. ||1||

O' Nanak, He is true (exists) now and will always be true (exists).

ਸੋਚੈ ਸੋਚਿ ਨ ਹੋਵਈ ਜੇ ਸੋਚੀ ਲਖ ਵਾਰ ॥

sochai soch na hova-ee jay sochee lakh vaar.

Cleansing the body by taking millions of baths does not clean the mind from the filth of evil thoughts.

ਚੁਪੈ ਚੁਪ ਨ ਹੋਵਈ ਜੇ ਲਾਇ ਰਹਾ ਲਿਵ ਤਾਰ ॥

chupai chup na hova-ee jay laa-ay rahaa liv taar.

Mind does not stop wandering by keeping silent, even by constant ritualistic meditation.

ਭੁਖਿਆ ਭੁਖ ਨ ਉਤਰੀ ਜੇ ਬੰਨਾ ਪੁਰੀਆ ਭਾਰ ॥

bhukhi-aa bhukh na utree jay bannaa puree-aa bhaar.

Desire for material wealth is not appeased, even by collecting the material wealth

of the entire world.

ਸਹਸ ਸਿਆਣਪਾ ਲਖ ਹੋਹਿ ਤ ਇਕ ਨ ਚਲੈ ਨਾਲਿ ॥

sahas si-aanpaa lakh hohi ta ik na chalai naal.

One may have millions of clever ideas, but none of them will help at the end.

ਕਿਵ ਸਚਿਆਰਾ ਹੋਈਐ ਕਿਵ ਕੂੜੈ ਤੁਟੈ ਪਾਲਿ ॥

kiv sachi-aaraa ho-ee-ai kiv koorhai tutai paal?

So, how can we become heavenly and tear away the wall of illusion that separates us from the Divine?

ਹੁਕਮਿ ਰਜਾਈ ਚਲਣਾ ਨਾਨਕ ਲਿਖਿਆ ਨਾਲਿ ॥੧॥

hukam rajaa-ee chalnaa naanak likhi-aa naal. ||1||

The answer is that we should live according to the Divine's command, which, O' Nanak, is written in our destiny from the very beginning.

ਹੁਕਮੀ ਹੋਵਨਿ ਆਕਾਰ ਹੁਕਮੁ ਨ ਕਹਿਆ ਜਾਈ ॥

hukmee hovan aakaar hukam na kahi-aa jaa-ee.

Everything is created by His command; His command cannot be described.

ਹੁਕਮੀ ਹੋਵਨਿ ਜੀਅ ਹੁਕਮਿ ਮਿਲੈ ਵਡਿਆਈ ॥

hukmee hovan jee-a hukam milai vadi-aa-ee.

All creatures are created by The Divine's command; inner bliss is also received by His command.

ਹੁਕਮੀ ਉਤਮੁ ਨੀਚੁ ਹੁਕਮਿ ਲਿਖਿ ਦੁਖ ਸੁਖ ਪਾਈਅਹਿ ॥

hukmee utam neech hukam likh dukh sukh paa-ee-ah.

By the Divine's will, some are virtuous and others are wicked. By His will, based on their past deeds, some suffer pain while others enjoy bliss.

ਇਕਨਾ ਹੁਕਮੀ ਬਖਸੀਸ ਇਕਿ ਹੁਕਮੀ ਸਦਾ ਭਵਾਈਅਹਿ ॥

iknaa hukmee bakhsees ik hukmee sadaa bhavaa-ee-ah.

By His Command, some are blessed; by His Command others wander aimlessly

forever.

ਹੁਕਮੈ ਅੰਦਰਿ ਸਭੁ ਕੋ ਬਾਹਰਿ ਹੁਕਮ ਨ ਕੋਇ ॥

hukme andar sabh ko baahar hukam na ko-ay.

Everyone is subject to His Command; no one is beyond His Command.

ਨਾਨਕ ਹੁਕਮੈ ਜੇ ਬੁਝੈ ਤ ਹਉਮੈ ਕਹੈ ਨ ਕੋਇ ॥੨॥

nanak hukme jay bujhai ta ha-umai kahai na ko-ay. ||2||

O' Nanak, if one comprehends His Command, then he does not behave egotistically.

ਗਾਵੈ ਕੋ ਤਾਣੁ ਹੋਵੈ ਕਿਸੈ ਤਾਣੁ ॥

gaavai ko taan hovai kisai taan.

One praises the Divine (only) if he is blessed by Him.

ਗਾਵੈ ਕੋ ਦਾਤਿ ਜਾਣੈ ਨੀਸਾਣੁ ॥

gaave ko daat jaanai neesan.

Some sing to thank the Divine for His benevolence.

ਗਾਵੈ ਕੋ ਗੁਣ ਵਡਿਆਈਆ ਚਾਰ ॥

gaavai ko gun vadi-aa-ee-aa chaar.

Some sing of His noble virtues and His greatness.

ਗਾਵੈ ਕੋ ਵਿਦਿਆ ਵਿਖਮੁ ਵੀਚਾਰੁ ॥

gaave ko vidi-aa vikhman vichaar.

Through power of their education, some sing and praise Divine's difficult knowledge.

ਗਾਵੈ ਕੋ ਸਾਜਿ ਕਰੇ ਤਨੁ ਖੇਹ ॥

gaava ko saaj karay tan khayh.

Some sing of Divine's power to create the body and then to reduce it to dust.

ਗਾਵੈ ਕੋ ਜੀਅ ਲੈ ਫਿਰਿ ਦੇਹ ॥

gaave ko jee-a lai fir dayh.

Some sing that He takes away life and then gives it again in another form.

ਗਾਵੈ ਕੋ ਜਾਪੈ ਦਿਸੈ ਦੂਰਿ ॥

gaave ko jaapai disai door.

Some sing that Divine seems to be spiritually far away.

ਗਾਵੈ ਕੋ ਵੇਖੈ ਹਾਦਰਾ ਹਦੂਰਿ ॥

gaavai ko vaykhai haadraa hadoor.

Some sing the praises of the Divine, visualizing Him everywhere

ਕਥਨਾ ਕਥੀ ਨ ਆਵੈ ਤੋਟਿ ॥

kathnaa kathee na aavai tot.

Many try to describe the Divine's virtues, but there is no end to them.

ਕਥਿ ਕਥਿ ਕਥੀ ਕੋਟੀ ਕੋਟਿ ਕੋਟਿ ॥

kath kath kathee kotee kot kot.

Even though millions have tried to describe His virtues millions of times, there is still no end to them.

ਦੇਦਾ ਦੇ ਲੈਦੇ ਥਕਿ ਪਾਹਿ ॥

daydaa day laiday thak paahi.

The benevolent Divine continues to give, while those who receive grow weary of receiving.

ਜੁਗਾ ਜੁਗੰਤਰਿ ਖਾਹੀ ਖਾਹਿ ॥

jugaa jugantar khaahee khaahi.

All creatures have been consuming His gifts throughout the ages, but still, there is no end to them.

ਹੁਕਮੀ ਹੁਕਮੁ ਚਲਾਏ ਰਾਹੁ ॥

hukmee hukam chalaa-ay raahu.

By His command, the Divine, the great commander, is running the universe on a specific path.

ਨਾਨਕ ਵਿਗਸੈ ਵੇਪਰਵਾਹੁ ॥੩॥

naanak vigsai vayparvaahu. ||3||

O' Nanak, the Divine is always blissful and carefree.

ਸਾਚਾ ਸਾਹਿਬੁ ਸਾਚੁ ਨਾਇ ਭਾਖਿਆ ਭਾਉ ਅਪਾਰੁ ॥

saachaa saahib saach naa-ay bhaakhi-aa bhaa-o apaar.

The Divine is eternal and so is His justice; Love is His language and He is infinite.

ਆਖਹਿ ਮੰਗਹਿ ਦੇਹਿ ਦੇਹਿ ਦਾਤਿ ਕਰੇ ਦਾਤਾਰੁ ॥

aakhahi mangahi dayhi dayhi daat karay daataar.

We beg of Him for more and more, and the benevolent Divine keeps on giving.

ਫੇਰਿ ਕਿ ਅਗੈ ਰਖੀਐ ਜਿਤੁ ਦਿਸੈ ਦਰਬਾਰੁ ॥

fayr ke agai rakhee-ai jit disai darbaar.

What should we offer Him to be blessed with His presence?

ਮੁਹੌ ਕਿ ਬੋਲਣੁ ਬੋਲੀਐ ਜਿਤੁ ਸੁਣਿ ਧਰੇ ਪਿਆਰੁ ॥

muhou ke bolan bolee-ai jit sun Dharay pi-aar.

To evoke His love, what prayer can we do?

ਅੰਮ੍ਰਿਤ ਵੇਲਾ ਸਚੁ ਨਾਉ ਵਡਿਆਈ ਵੀਚਾਰੁ ॥

amrit vaylaa sach naa-o vadi-aa-ee veechaar.

In the ambrosial hours, recite the True Name and contemplate His glorious virtues.

ਕਰਮੀ ਆਵੈ ਕਪੜਾ ਨਦਰੀ ਮੋਖੁ ਦੁਆਰੁ ॥

karmee aavai kaprhaa nadree mokh du-aar.

The human body is obtained through His love and blessings but the liberation from vices is attained through His grace as one walks on the Divine path.

ਨਾਨਕ ਏਵੈ ਜਾਣੀਐ ਸਭੁ ਆਪੇ ਸਚਿਆਰੁ ॥੪॥

naanak ayvai jaanee-ai sabh aapay sachiaar. ||4||

O' Nanak, in this way, we realize that the eternal Divine is all-pervading.

ਥਾਪਿਆ ਨ ਜਾਇ ਕੀਤਾ ਨ ਹੋਇ ॥

thaapi-aa na jaa-ay keetaa na ho-ay.

The Divine cannot be established (confined) or created.

ਆਪੇ ਆਪਿ ਨਿਰੰਜਨੁ ਸੋਇ ॥

aapay aap niranjan so-ay.

He is pure and free from all vices.

ਜਿਨਿ ਸੇਵਿਆ ਤਿਨਿ ਪਾਇਆ ਮਾਨੁ ॥

jin sayvi-aa tin paa-i-aa maan.

Someone who remembers and walks the Divine path with loving devotion will receive spiritual bliss.

ਨਾਨਕ ਗਾਵੀਐ ਗੁਣੀ ਨਿਧਾਨੁ ॥

naanak gaavee-ai gunee niDhaan.

O' Nanak, let's sing the praises of Divine, the treasure of virtues.

ਗਾਵੀਐ ਸੁਣੀਐ ਮਨਿ ਰਖੀਐ ਭਾਉ ॥

gaavee-ai sunee-ai man rakhee-ai bhaa-o.

Let us sing, listen to His praises, and enshrine His love in our hearts.

ਦੁਖੁ ਪਰਹਰਿ ਸੁਖੁ ਘਰਿ ਲੈ ਜਾਇ ॥

dukh parhar sukh ghar lai jaa-ay.

Whoever does this dispels their sorrow and finds inner peace in their heart.

ਗੁਰਮੁਖਿ ਨਾਦੰ ਗੁਰਮੁਖਿ ਵੇਦੰ ਗੁਰਮੁਖਿ ਰਹਿਆ ਸਮਾਈ ॥

gurmukh naadaN gurmukh vaydaN gurmukh rahi-aa samaa-ee.

Through the Guru, we experience the divine word, obtain divine knowledge, and realize that the Divine is all-pervading.

ਗੁਰੁ ਈਸਰੁ ਗੁਰੁ ਗੋਰਖੁ ਬਰਮਾ ਗੁਰੁ ਪਾਰਬਤੀ ਮਾਈ ॥

gur eesar gur gorakh barmaa gur paarbatee maa-ee.

For us, the Guru himself is Shiva, Vishnu, Brahma and Parbati.

ਜੇ ਹਉ ਜਾਣਾ ਆਖਾ ਨਾਹੀ ਕਹਣਾ ਕਥਨੁ ਨ ਜਾਈ ॥

jay ha-o jaanaa aakhaa naahee kahnaa kathan na jaa-ee.

Even if I realize the Divine, I will not be able to describe that feeling of bliss, as it cannot be put into words.

ਗੁਰਾ ਇਕ ਦੇਹਿ ਬੁਝਾਈ ॥

guraa ik dayhi bujhaa-ee.

O' my Guru, please grant me this wisdom that:

ਸਭਨਾ ਜੀਆ ਕਾ ਇਕੁ ਦਾਤਾ ਸੋ ਮੈ ਵਿਸਰਿ ਨ ਜਾਈ ॥੫॥

sabhnaa jee-aa kaa ik daataa so mai visar na jaa-ee. ||5||

I may never forget the Divine, the only provider for all living beings.

ਤੀਰਥਿ ਨਾਵਾ ਜੇ ਤਿਸੁ ਭਾਵਾ ਵਿਣੁ ਭਾਣੇ ਕਿ ਨਾਇ ਕਰੀ ॥

tirath naavaa jay tis bhaavaa vin bhaanay ke naa-ay karee.

I would bathe at pilgrimage sites only if it pleases the Divine. Without pleasing Him, what is the use of such ritualistic bathing?

ਜੇਤੀ ਸਿਰਠਿ ਉਪਾਈ ਵੇਖਾ ਵਿਣੁ ਕਰਮਾ ਕਿ ਮਿਲੈ ਲਈ ॥

jaytee sirath upaa-ee vaykhaa vin karmaa ke milai la-ee.

When I look at the entire world created by Him, I realize that nothing can be obtained without His blessing.

ਮਤਿ ਵਿਚਿ ਰਤਨ ਜਵਾਹਰ ਮਾਣਿਕ ਜੇ ਇਕ ਗੁਰ ਕੀ ਸਿਖ ਸੁਣੀ ॥

mat vich ratan javaahar maanik jay ik gur kee sikh sunee.

The mind becomes rich with precious divine knowledge when one listens to the Guru's teachings even once.

ਗੁਰਾ ਇਕ ਦੇਹਿ ਬੁਝਾਈ ॥

guraa ik dayhi bujhaa-ee.

O' my Guru, please bless me with this wisdom that;

ਸਭਨਾ ਜੀਆ ਕਾ ਇਕੁ ਦਾਤਾ ਸੋ ਮੈ ਵਿਸਰਿ ਨ ਜਾਈ ॥੬॥

sabhnaa jee-aa kaa ik daataa so mai visar na jaa-ee. ||6||

I may never forget the Divine, the only provider to all living beings.

ਜੇ ਜੁਗ ਚਾਰੇ ਆਰਜਾ ਹੋਰ ਦਸੂਣੀ ਹੋਇ ॥

jay jug chaaray aarjaa hor dasoonee ho-ay.

Even if a person lives throughout the four ages, or ten times more,

ਨਵਾ ਖੰਡਾ ਵਿਚਿ ਜਾਣੀਐ ਨਾਲਿ ਚਲੈ ਸਭੁ ਕੋਇ ॥

navaa khanda vich jaanee-ai naal chalai sabh ko-ay.

and even if he is known throughout the world and is obeyed by everyone,

ਚੰਗਾ ਨਾਉ ਰਖਾਇ ਕੈ ਜਸੁ ਕੀਰਤਿ ਜਗਿ ਲੇਇ ॥

changa naa-o rakhaa-ay kai jas keerat jag lay-ay.

has a good reputation with praise and fame throughout the world,

ਜੇ ਤਿਸੁ ਨਦਰਿ ਨ ਆਵਈ ਤ ਵਾਤ ਨ ਪੁਛੈ ਕੇ ॥

jay tis nadar na aavee ta vaat na puchhai kay.

However, without the Divine grace, that person is spiritually dead.

ਕੀਟਾ ਅੰਦਰਿ ਕੀਟੁ ਕਰਿ ਦੋਸੀ ਦੋਸੁ ਧਰੇ ॥

keetaa andar keet kar dosee dos Dharay.

Spiritually, a conceited person with a high ego will never enjoy spiritual bliss.

ਨਾਨਕ ਨਿਰਗੁਣਿ ਗੁਣੁ ਕਰੇ ਗੁਣਵੰਤਿਆ ਗੁਣੁ ਦੇ ॥

naanak nirgun gun karay gunvanti-aa gun day.

O Nanak, Divine wisdom can bless even the unvirtuous with virtues and bestow more virtues upon the virtuous.

ਤੇਹਾ ਕੋਇ ਨ ਸੁਝਈ ਜਿ ਤਿਸੁ ਗੁਣੁ ਕੋਇ ਕਰੇ ॥੭॥

tayhaa ko-ay na sujh-ee je tis gun ko-ay karay. ||7||

I cannot even imagine anyone other than Divine who can bestow virtues upon virtue less.

ਸੁਣਿਐ ਸਿਧ ਪੀਰ ਸੁਰਿ ਨਾਥ ॥

suni-ai siDh peer sur naath.

By listening to the Divine's praises, even ordinary people can obtain the spiritual status of Sidhas (yogis), Peers (Muslim religious guides), the Divine, and Naaths (the leaders of yogis).

ਸੁਣਿਐ ਧਰਤਿ ਧਵਲ ਆਕਾਸ ॥

suni-ai Dharat Dhaval aakaas.

By listening to Naam, one understands that the Divine supports the universe, not the mythological bull.

ਸੁਣਿਐ ਦੀਪ ਲੋਅ ਪਾਤਾਲ ॥

suni-ai deep lo-a paataal.

By listening to Naam, one understands that Divine is pervading all the continents, worlds, and nether regions.

ਸੁਣਿਐ ਪੋਹਿ ਨ ਸਕੈ ਕਾਲੁ ॥

suni-ai pohi na sakai kaal.

By listening to Naam, one conquers the fear of death.

ਨਾਨਕ ਭਗਤਾ ਸਦਾ ਵਿਗਾਸੁ ॥

naanak bhagtaa sadaa vigaas.

O' Nanak, His devotees are forever in joy and bliss.

ਸੁਣਿਐ ਦੂਖ ਪਾਪ ਕਾ ਨਾਸੁ ॥੮॥

suni-ai dookh paap kaa naas. ||8||

Listening to Divine's praises, all bonds to sorrows and sins are broken. ||8||

ਸੁਣਿਐ ਈਸਰੁ ਬਰਮਾ ਇੰਦੁ ॥

suni-ai eesar barmaa ind.

Listening to Naam, one obtains the qualities of Shiva, Brahma and Indra.

ਸੁਣਿਐ ਮੁਖਿ ਸਾਲਾਹਣ ਮੰਦੁ ॥

suni-ai mukh saalaahan mand.

By listening to Naam, even sinners get enlightened and begin singing the praises of the Divine.

ਸੁਣਿਐ ਜੋਗ ਜੁਗਤਿ ਤਨਿ ਭੇਦ ॥

suni-ai jog jugat tan bhayd.

By listening to Naam, one experiences union with the Divine.

ਸੁਣਿਐ ਸਾਸਤ ਸਿਮ੍ਰਿਤਿ ਵੇਦ ॥

suni-ai saasat simrit vayd.

By listening to the Naam, one attains spiritual knowledge of the holy scriptures.

ਨਾਨਕ ਭਗਤਾ ਸਦਾ ਵਿਗਾਸੁ ॥

naanak bhagtaa sadaa vigaas.

O’ Nanak, the devotees are always in bliss.

ਸੁਣਿਐ ਦੂਖ ਪਾਪ ਕਾ ਨਾਸੁ ॥੯॥

suni-ai dookh paap kaa naas. ||9||

Listening to the Divine's praises with loving devotion frees us from attachment to sorrows and sins.

ਸੁਣਿਐ ਸਤੁ ਸੰਤੋਖੁ ਗਿਆਨੁ ॥

suni-ai sat santokh gi-aan.

By listening to Naam, one acquires truthfulness, contentment, and spiritual knowledge.

ਸੁਣਿਐ ਅਠਸਠਿ ਕਾ ਇਸਨਾਨੁ ॥

suni-ai athsath kaa isnaan.

By listening to the Divine's praises with loving devotion, one becomes pious, as if they have bathed at all the holy places.

ਸੁਣਿਐ ਪੜਿ ਪੜਿ ਪਾਵਹਿ ਮਾਨੁ ॥

suni-ai parh parh paavahi maan.

By listening to the Divine’s praises, the devotees earn the same true honor as one receives by reading holy scriptures.

ਸੁਣਿਐ ਲਾਗੈ ਸਹਜਿ ਧਿਆਨੁ ॥

suni-ai laagai sahj Dhi-aan.

By listening to Divine wisdom, one instinctively concentrates on Naam.

ਨਾਨਕ ਭਗਤਾ ਸਦਾ ਵਿਗਾਸੁ ॥

naanak bhagtaa sadaa vigaas.

O’ Nanak, the devotees of the Divine are forever in a state of bliss.

ਸੁਣਿਐ ਦੂਖ ਪਾਪ ਕਾ ਨਾਸੁ ॥੧੦॥

suni-ai dookh paap kaa naas. ||10||

Listening to the Divine's praises with loving devotion frees us from attachment to sorrows and sins.

ਸੁਣਿਐ ਸਰਾ ਗੁਣਾ ਕੇ ਗਾਹ ॥

suni-ai saraa gunaa kay gaah.

By listening to the Divine's praises, one becomes immensely virtuous.

ਸੁਣਿਐ ਸੇਖ ਪੀਰ ਪਾਤਿਸਾਹ ॥

suni-ai saykh peer paatisaah.

By listening to the Divine's praises with loving devotion, one attains spiritual honor like that of social and religious leaders and the emperors.

ਸੁਣਿਐ ਅੰਧੇ ਪਾਵਹਿ ਰਾਹੁ ॥

suni-ai anDhay paavahi raahu.

By listening to Naam, even spiritually oblivious people find a way to freedom from vices.

ਸੁਣਿਐ ਹਾਥ ਹੋਵੈ ਅਸਗਾਹੁ ॥

suni-ai haath hovai asgaahu.

By listening to Naam, one comprehends the reality of the world Ocean.

ਨਾਨਕ ਭਗਤਾ ਸਦਾ ਵਿਗਾਸੁ ॥

naanak bhagtaa sadaa vigaas.

O' Nanak, the devotees of Divine are forever in the state of bliss.

ਸੁਣਿਐ ਦੂਖ ਪਾਪ ਕਾ ਨਾਸੁ ॥੧੧॥

suni-ai dookh paap kaa naas. ||11||

By Listening to Divine's praises with loving devotion, frees from attachment to sorrows and sins.

ਮੰਨੇ ਕੀ ਗਤਿ ਕਹੀ ਨ ਜਾਇ ॥

mannay kee gat kahee na jaa-ay.

The state of mind of a true believer in the Divine cannot be described,

ਜੇ ਕੋ ਕਹੈ ਪਿਛੈ ਪਛੁਤਾਇ ॥

jay ko kahai pichhai pachhutaa-ay.

And if one tries to describe the state of a true believer, they would regret it.

ਕਾਗਦਿ ਕਲਮ ਨ ਲਿਖਣਹਾਰੁ ॥

kaagad kalam na likhanhaar.

There isn't enough paper, or even a pen or a writer, to describe the spiritual state of a true believer's mind.

ਮੰਨੇ ਕਾ ਬਹਿ ਕਰਨਿ ਵੀਚਾਰੁ ॥

mannay kaa bahi karan veechaar.

even though, some do reflect over it anyway.

ਐਸਾ ਨਾਮੁ ਨਿਰੰਜਨੁ ਹੋਇ ॥

aisaa naam niranjan ho-ay.

Such blissful is the Naam of the Immaculate Divine,

ਜੇ ਕੋ ਮੰਨਿ ਜਾਣੈ ਮਨਿ ਕੋਇ ॥੧੨॥

jay ko man jaanai man ko-ay. ||12||

but it is understood only if one truly believes in it from the heart.

ਮੰਨੈ ਸੁਰਤਿ ਹੋਵੈ ਮਨਿ ਬੁਧਿ ॥

mannai surat hovai man buDh.

By believing in Naam, one’s mind and intellect become spiritually enlightened.

ਮੰਨੈ ਸਗਲ ਭਵਣ ਕੀ ਸੁਧਿ ॥

mannai sagal bhavan kee suDh.

By having complete faith in the Divine, one gains consciousness and discerning

wisdom.

ਮੰਨੈ ਮੁਹਿ ਚੋਟਾ ਨਾ ਖਾਇ ॥

mannai muhi chotaa naa khaa-ay.

By having complete faith in Divine, one is not afflicted by worldly evils.

ਮੰਨੈ ਜਮ ਕੈ ਸਾਥਿ ਨ ਜਾਇ ॥

mannai jam kai saath na jaa-ay.

By having complete faith in the Divine, one does not have to face the demon of vices.

ਐਸਾ ਨਾਮੁ ਨਿਰੰਜਨੁ ਹੋਇ ॥

aisaa naam niranjan ho-ay.

Such blissful is the Name of the Immaculate Divine,

ਜੇ ਕੋ ਮੰਨਿ ਜਾਣੈ ਮਨਿ ਕੋਇ ॥੧੩॥

jay ko man jaanai man ko-ay. ||13||

but it is understood only if one truly believes in it from the heart.

ਮੰਨੈ ਮਾਰਗਿ ਠਾਕ ਨ ਪਾਇ ॥

mannai maarag thaak na paa-ay.

A true believer in Divine never faces any obstacles in the spiritual journey.

ਮੰਨੈ ਪਤਿ ਸਿਉ ਪਰਗਟੁ ਜਾਇ ॥

mannai pat si-o pargat jaa-ay.

A true believer in Naam departs from the world with enlightened spiritual state.

ਮੰਨੈ ਮਗੁ ਨ ਚਲੈ ਪੰਥੁ ॥

mannai mag na chalai panth.

A true believer in Naam is not misled into sects or ritualistic religious paths.

ਮੰਨੈ ਧਰਮ ਸੇਤੀ ਸਨਬੰਧੁ ॥

mannai Dharam saytee san-banDh.

A true believer in Naam is bound to the Truth.

ਐਸਾ ਨਾਮੁ ਨਿਰੰਜਨੁ ਹੋਇ ॥

aisaa naam niranjan ho-ay.

Such blissful is the Name of the Immaculate Divine,

ਜੇ ਕੋ ਮੰਨਿ ਜਾਣੈ ਮਨਿ ਕੋਇ ॥੧੪॥

jay ko man jaanai man ko-ay. ||14||

but it is understood only if one truly believes in it from the heart.

ਮੰਨੈ ਪਾਵਹਿ ਮੋਖੁ ਦੁਆਰੁ ॥

mannai paavahi mokh du-aar.

The true believers in Divine achieve liberation from worldly attachments.

ਮੰਨੈ ਪਰਵਾਰੈ ਸਾਧਾਰੁ ॥

mannai parvaarai saaDhaar.

A true believer makes the senses follow Divine wisdom.

ਮੰਨੈ ਤਰੈ ਤਾਰੇ ਗੁਰੁ ਸਿਖ ॥

mannai tarai taaray gur sikh.

those Guru's followers are able to save themselves, that follow Divine Wisdom.

ਮੰਨੈ ਨਾਨਕ ਭਵਹਿ ਨ ਭਿਖ ॥

mannai naanak bhavahi na bhikh.

O' Nanak, such believers in Naam do not beg for favors from others.

ਐਸਾ ਨਾਮੁ ਨਿਰੰਜਨੁ ਹੋਇ ॥

aisaa naam niranjan ho-ay.

Such blissful is the Naam of the Immaculate Divine,

ਜੇ ਕੋ ਮੰਨਿ ਜਾਣੈ ਮਨਿ ਕੋਇ ॥੧੫॥

jay ko man jaanai man ko-ay. ||15||

but it is understood only if one truly believes in it from the heart.

ਪੰਚ ਪਰਵਾਣ ਪੰਚ ਪਰਧਾਨੁ ॥

panch parvaan panch parDhaan.

Those who truly understand and obey Divine's command become spiritually enlightened.

ਪੰਚੇ ਪਾਵਹਿ ਦਰਗਹਿ ਮਾਨੁ ॥

panchay paavahi dargahi maan.

The enlightened ones are always in bliss.

ਪੰਚੇ ਸੋਹਹਿ ਦਰਿ ਰਾਜਾਨੁ ॥

panchay sohahi dar raajaan.

The enlightened ones grace their hearts with kingly Divine wisdom

ਪੰਚਾ ਕਾ ਗੁਰੁ ਏਕੁ ਧਿਆਨੁ ॥

panchaa kaa gur ayk Dhi-aan.

The minds of the enlightened ones always remain attuned to the Divine-Guru.

ਜੇ ਕੋ ਕਹੈ ਕਰੈ ਵੀਚਾਰੁ ॥

jay ko kahai karai veechaar.

No matter how much anyone tries to explain and describe,

ਕਰਤੇ ਕੈ ਕਰਣੈ ਨਾਹੀ ਸੁਮਾਰੁ ॥

kartay kai karnai naahee sumaar.

the creation of the Creator cannot be comprehended.

ਧੌਲੁ ਧਰਮੁ ਦਇਆ ਕਾ ਪੂਤੁ ॥

Dhoul Dharam da-i-aa kaa poot.

Dharma (righteousness) is the force supporting the universe, not the mythical

bull. This Dharma comes from compassion.

ਸੰਤੋਖੁ ਥਾਪਿ ਰਖਿਆ ਜਿਨਿ ਸੂਤਿ ॥

santokh thaap rakhi-aa jin soot.

Dharma (righteousness) based on compassion and patience, supports this Creation.

ਜੇ ਕੋ ਬੁਝੈ ਹੋਵੈ ਸਚਿਆਰੁ ॥

jay ko bujhai hovai sachiaar.

If one understands this concept, then they become fully enlightened.

ਧਵਲੈ ਉਪਰਿ ਕੇਤਾ ਭਾਰੁ ॥

Dhavlai upar kaytaa bhaar.

It is the Law of the Divine that supports the universe. A mythological bull couldn't possibly bear the tremendous weight of the Earth.

ਧਰਤੀ ਹੋਰੁ ਪਰੈ ਹੋਰੁ ਹੋਰੁ ॥

Dhartee hor parai hor hor.

There are innumerable planets beyond this planet-earth.

ਤਿਸ ਤੇ ਭਾਰੁ ਤਲੈ ਕਵਣੁ ਜੋਰੁ ॥

tis tay bhaar talai kavan jor.

What power holds them, and supports their weight?

ਜੀਅ ਜਾਤਿ ਰੰਗਾ ਕੇ ਨਾਵ ॥

jee-a jaat rangaa kay naav.

There are countless species of creatures of various kinds.

ਸਭਨਾ ਲਿਖਿਆ ਵੁੜੀ ਕਲਾਮ ॥

sabhnaa likhi-aa vurhee kalaam.

The ever-flowing pen of Almighty has written the account of all.

ਏਹੁ ਲੇਖਾ ਲਿਖਿ ਜਾਣੈ ਕੋਇ ॥

ayhu laykhaa likh jaanai ko-ay.

If anyone knows how to write this kind of account,

ਲੇਖਾ ਲਿਖਿਆ ਕੇਤਾ ਹੋਇ ॥

laykhaa likhi-aa kaytaa ho-ay.

even if this account is written, just imagine how big that account will be?

ਕੇਤਾ ਤਾਣੁ ਸੁਆਲਿਹੁ ਰੂਪੁ ॥

kaytaa taan su-aalihu roop.

What is the extent of Divine's power and the vastness of His beautiful creation?

ਕੇਤੀ ਦਾਤਿ ਜਾਣੈ ਕੌਣੁ ਕੂਤੁ ॥

kaytee daat jaanai koun koot.

And who can estimate the extent of His bounties?

ਕੀਤਾ ਪਸਾਉ ਏਕੋ ਕਵਾਉ ॥

keetaa pasaa-o ayko kavaa-o.

Divine is so powerful that He created the vast expanse of the Universe just with one word of His command,

ਤਿਸ ਤੇ ਹੋਏ ਲਖ ਦਰੀਆਉ ॥

tis tay ho-ay lakh daree-aa-o.

And from that emerged millions of lives and systems of the universe.

ਕੁਦਰਤਿ ਕਵਣ ਕਹਾ ਵੀਚਾਰੁ ॥

kudrat kavan kahaa veechaar.

Who am I to express my thoughts about the extent of Divine's creation?

ਵਾਰਿਆ ਨ ਜਾਵਾ ਏਕ ਵਾਰ ॥

vaari-aa na jaavaa ayk vaar.

I am so powerless, that I am not even worthy of dedicating myself once for You.

ਜੋ ਤੁਧੁ ਭਾਵੈ ਸਾਈ ਭਲੀ ਕਾਰ ॥

jo tuDh bhaavai saa-ee bhalee kaar.

O' Divine, whatever pleases You, is best for us.

ਤੂ ਸਦਾ ਸਲਾਮਤਿ ਨਿਰੰਕਾਰ ॥੧੬॥

too sadaa salaamat nirankaar. ||16||

O' the formless Divine, only You are the eternal one.

ਅਸੰਖ ਜਪ ਅਸੰਖ ਭਾਉ ॥

asaNkh jap asaNkh bhaa-o.

O' Divine, countless people meditate on Your Naam and remember You with Love.

ਅਸੰਖ ਪੂਜਾ ਅਸੰਖ ਤਪ ਤਾਉ ॥

asaNkh poojaa asaNkh tap taa-o.

Countless people are engaged in Your devotional worship, and countless are doing penance.

ਅਸੰਖ ਗਰੰਥ ਮੁਖਿ ਵੇਦ ਪਾਠ ॥

asaNkh garanth mukh vayd paath.

Countless people are reciting the vedas and the holy books.

ਅਸੰਖ ਜੋਗ ਮਨਿ ਰਹਹਿ ਉਦਾਸ ॥

asaNkh jog man rahahi udaas.

Limitless practice yoga, and they remain detached from the world.

ਅਸੰਖ ਭਗਤ ਗੁਣ ਗਿਆਨ ਵੀਚਾਰ ॥

asaNkh bhagat gun gi-aan veechaar.

Countless devotees contemplate the virtues and wisdom of the Almighty.

ਅਸੰਖ ਸਤੀ ਅਸੰਖ ਦਾਤਾਰ ॥

asa^Nkh satee asa^Nkh daataar.

There are countless holy persons and countless philanthropists.

ਅਸੰਖ ਸੂਰ ਮੁਹ ਭਖ ਸਾਰ ॥

asa^Nkh soor muh bhakh saar.

Countless brave warriors face battle, striking with the force of steel, a testament to their valor and sacrifice.

ਅਸੰਖ ਮੋਨਿ ਲਿਵ ਲਾਇ ਤਾਰ ॥

asa^Nkh mon liv laa-ay taar.

Countless silent sages meditate deeply, their single-minded devotion connecting them to the Divine, seeking spiritual enlightenment and wisdom.

ਕੁਦਰਤਿ ਕਵਣ ਕਹਾ ਵੀਚਾਰੁ ॥

kudrat kavan kahaa veechaar.

Who am I to assess the extent of Divine's creation?

ਵਾਰਿਆ ਨ ਜਾਵਾ ਏਕ ਵਾਰ ॥

vaari-aa na jaavaa ayk vaar.

I am not worthy to dedicate myself to You even once.

ਜੋ ਤੁਧੁ ਭਾਵੈ ਸਾਈ ਭਲੀ ਕਾਰ ॥

jo tuDh bhaavai saa-ee bhalee kaar.

O' Divine, whatever pleases You, is best for all.

ਤੂ ਸਦਾ ਸਲਾਮਤਿ ਨਿਰੰਕਾਰ ॥੧੭॥

too sadaa salaamat nirankaar. ||17||

O' the formless Divine, only You are the eternal one.

ਅਸੰਖ ਮੂਰਖ ਅੰਧ ਘੋਰ ॥

asaNkh moorakh anDh ghor.

Countless fools in the world are utterly blinded by deep ignorance, unable to see the truth.

ਅਸੰਖ ਚੋਰ ਹਰਾਮਖੋਰ ॥

asaNkh chor haraamkhor.

In the world, countless thieves and embezzlers exist,

ਅਸੰਖ ਅਮਰ ਕਰਿ ਜਾਹਿ ਜੋਰ ॥

asaNkh amar kar jaahi jor.

Countless people use force to impose their will on others, only to leave this world and be forgotten.

ਅਸੰਖ ਗਲਵਢ ਹਤਿਆ ਕਮਾਹਿ ॥

asaNkh galvadh hati-aa kamaahi.

Countless cut-throats keep on killing ruthlessly.

ਅਸੰਖ ਪਾਪੀ ਪਾਪੁ ਕਰਿ ਜਾਹਿ ॥

asaNkh paapee paap kar jaahi.

Countless sinners keep committing sins.

ਅਸੰਖ ਕੂੜਿਆਰ ਕੂੜੇ ਫਿਰਾਹਿ ॥

asaNkh koorhi-aar koorhay firaahi.

Countless liars are lost, wandering aimlessly within their own lies, unable to find their way to truth.

ਅਸੰਖ ਮਲੇਛ ਮਲੁ ਭਖਿ ਖਾਹਿ ॥

asaNkh malaychh mal bhakh khaahi.

Countless wicked individuals exist, thriving on immoral behavior and devouring the filth of their own actions.

ਅਸੰਖ ਨਿੰਦਕ ਸਿਰਿ ਕਰਹਿ ਭਾਰੁ ॥

asaNkh nindak sir karahi bhaar.

Those who slander others carry a heavy burden from their own negative words and actions.

ਨਾਨਕੁ ਨੀਚੁ ਕਹੈ ਵੀਚਾਰੁ ॥

naanak neech kahai veechaar.

In humility, Nanak expresses this thought.

ਵਾਰਿਆ ਨ ਜਾਵਾ ਏਕ ਵਾਰ ॥

vaari-aa na jaavaa ayk vaar.

I am not worthy to dedicate myself to You even once.

ਜੋ ਤੁਧੁ ਭਾਵੈ ਸਾਈ ਭਲੀ ਕਾਰ ॥

jo tuDh bhaavai saa-ee bhalee kaar.

O' Divine, whatever pleases You, is best for all.

ਤੂ ਸਦਾ ਸਲਾਮਤਿ ਨਿਰੰਕਾਰ ॥੧੮॥

too sadaa salaamat nirankaar. ||18||

O' the formless Divine, You alone exist for others.

ਅਸੰਖ ਨਾਵ ਅਸੰਖ ਥਾਵ ॥

asaNkh naav asaNkh thaav.

Countless are the names of Divine's creations and countless are the places where they exist.

ਅਗੰਮ ਅਗੰਮ ਅਸੰਖ ਲੋਅ ॥

agamm agamm asaNkh lo-a.

There are countless worlds that are inaccessible.

ਅਸੰਖ ਕਹਹਿ ਸਿਰਿ ਭਾਰੁ ਹੋਇ ॥

asaᴺkh kehahi sir bhaar ho-ay.

Even calling them countless is not justifiable.

ਅਖਰੀ ਨਾਮੁ ਅਖਰੀ ਸਾਲਾਹ ॥

akhree naam akhree saalaah.

Using words, we can recite the Divine's Name and sing His praises, expressing devotion through language.

ਅਖਰੀ ਗਿਆਨੁ ਗੀਤ ਗੁਣ ਗਾਹ ॥

akhree gi-aan geet gun gaah.

Through words, one acquires divine knowledge, sings praises, and comprehends the virtues of the Divine.

ਅਖਰੀ ਲਿਖਣੁ ਬੋਲਣੁ ਬਾਣਿ ॥

akhree likhan bolan baan.

The written and spoken language can only be expressed using words.

ਅਖਰਾ ਸਿਰਿ ਸੰਜੋਗੁ ਵਖਾਣਿ ॥

akhraa sir sanjog vakhaan.

Only through the words, one’s destiny can be explained.

ਜਿਨਿ ਏਹਿ ਲਿਖੇ ਤਿਸੁ ਸਿਰਿ ਨਾਹਿ ॥

jin ayhi likhay tis sir naahi.

The Divine who writes everyone's destiny is Himself beyond all destiny, free from fate's control.

ਜਿਵ ਫੁਰਮਾਏ ਤਿਵ ਤਿਵ ਪਾਹਿ ॥

jiv furmaa-ay tiv tiv paahi.

Just as the Divine commands, so we receive; our lives unfold according to His will and blessings.

ਜੇਤਾ ਕੀਤਾ ਤੇਤਾ ਨਾਉ ॥

jaytaa keetaa taytaa naa-o.

Everything that has been created is a manifestation of the Divine. All creation is His name.

ਵਿਣੁ ਨਾਵੈ ਨਾਹੀ ਕੋ ਥਾਉ ॥

vin naavai naahee ko thaa-o.

Without Naam, the Divine Name, there is no true refuge or spiritual foundation. Remembering it is essential for a meaningful existence.

ਕੁਦਰਤਿ ਕਵਣ ਕਹਾ ਵੀਚਾਰੁ ॥

kudrat kavan kahaa veechaar.

How can I ever comprehend or describe the immensity of Your creative power and Your creation?

ਵਾਰਿਆ ਨ ਜਾਵਾ ਏਕ ਵਾਰ ॥

vaari-aa na jaavaa ayk vaar.

I am not worthy of even a single sacrifice to you. My worth is nothing compared to yours.

ਜੋ ਤੁਧੁ ਭਾਵੈ ਸਾਈ ਭਲੀ ਕਾਰ ॥

jo tuDh bhaavai saa-ee bhalee kaar.

O' Divine, whatever pleases You, is best for all.

ਤੂ ਸਦਾ ਸਲਾਮਤਿ ਨਿਰੰਕਾਰ ॥੧੯॥

too sadaa salaamat nirankaar. ||19||

O' the formless Divine! You alone are the eternal one.

ਭਰੀਐ ਹਥੁ ਪੈਰੁ ਤਨੁ ਦੇਹ ॥

bharee-ai hath pair tan dayh.

When the hands, feet, and body become dirty, they are cleaned with water.

ਪਾਣੀ ਧੋਤੈ ਉਤਰਸੁ ਖੇਹ ॥
paanee Dhoṯai uṯras khayh.
then by washing with water the dirt goes away.

ਮੂਤ ਪਲੀਤੀ ਕਪੜੁ ਹੋਇ ॥
moot paleeṯee kaparh ho-ay.
If the clothes are soiled and stained by urine etc.

ਦੇ ਸਾਬੂਣੁ ਲਈਐ ਓਹੁ ਧੋਇ ॥
day saaboon la-ee-ai oh Dho-ay.
then it is washed with soap.

ਭਰੀਐ ਮਤਿ ਪਾਪਾ ਕੈ ਸੰਗਿ ॥
bharee-ai maṯ paapaa kai sang.
But when the mind is polluted by evil thoughts,

ਓਹੁ ਧੋਪੈ ਨਾਵੈ ਕੈ ਰੰਗਿ ॥
oh Dhopai naavai kai rang.
it can only be cleansed by lovingly remembering Divine's Name.

ਪੁੰਨੀ ਪਾਪੀ ਆਖਣੁ ਨਾਹਿ ॥
punnee paapee aakhaṇ naahi.
Virtues and sins are not just words,

ਕਰਿ ਕਰਿ ਕਰਣਾ ਲਿਖਿ ਲੈ ਜਾਹੁ ॥
kar kar karṇaa likh lai jaahu.
The actions you perform in this life shape who you become, and those qualities will accompany you.

ਆਪੇ ਬੀਜਿ ਆਪੇ ਹੀ ਖਾਹੁ ॥
aapay beej aapay hee khaahu.
You would reap the fruits of whatever deeds you sow.

ਨਾਨਕ ਹੁਕਮੀ ਆਵਹੁ ਜਾਹੁ ॥੨੦॥

naanak hukmee aavhu jaahu. ||20||

By divine law, O' Nanak, your actions lead to spiritual bliss or misery

ਤੀਰਥੁ ਤਪੁ ਦਇਆ ਦਤੁ ਦਾਨੁ ॥

tirath tap da-i-aa dat daan.

Pilgrimages, austere discipline, compassion and charity,

ਜੇ ਕੋ ਪਾਵੈ ਤਿਲ ਕਾ ਮਾਨੁ ॥

jay ko paavai til kaa maan.

these, by themselves, brings very little merit.

ਸੁਣਿਆ ਮੰਨਿਆ ਮਨਿ ਕੀਤਾ ਭਾਉ ॥

suni-aa mani-aa man keetaa bhaa-o.

One who has listened and believed in Divine's Name with love and devotion,

ਅੰਤਰਗਤਿ ਤੀਰਥਿ ਮਲਿ ਨਾਉ ॥

antargat tirath mal naa-o.

To cleanse your soul, take a spiritual bath within your own heart and mind, purifying your inner self.

ਸਭਿ ਗੁਣ ਤੇਰੇ ਮੈ ਨਾਹੀ ਕੋਇ ॥

sabh gun tayray mai naahee ko-ay.

I have no virtues of my own; all good qualities belong to You, O' Divine.

ਵਿਣੁ ਗੁਣ ਕੀਤੇ ਭਗਤਿ ਨ ਹੋਇ ॥

vin gun keetay bhagat na ho-ay.

Without a virtuous life, true devotion is not possible; it cannot be achieved through rituals alone.

ਸੁਅਸਤਿ ਆਥਿ ਬਾਣੀ ਬਰਮਾਉ ॥

su-asat aath banee barmaa-o.

You are the wealth of creation, the source of wisdom and Maya, the creator Brahma.

ਸਤਿ ਸੁਹਾਣੁ ਸਦਾ ਮਨਿ ਚਾਉ ॥

sat suhaan sadaa man chaa-o.

Your Divine word is eternal, pure and creates Joy and bliss.

ਕਵਣੁ ਸੁ ਵੇਲਾ ਵਖਤੁ ਕਵਣੁ ਕਵਣ ਥਿਤਿ ਕਵਣੁ ਵਾਰੁ ॥

kavan so vaylaa vakhat kavan kavan thit kavan vaar.

What was the time, the moment, the day and the Date?

ਕਵਣਿ ਸਿ ਰੁਤੀ ਮਾਹੁ ਕਵਣੁ ਜਿਤੁ ਹੋਆ ਆਕਾਰੁ ॥

kavan se rutee maahu kavan jit ho-aa aakaar.

What season and what month witnessed the birth of the Universe.

ਵੇਲ ਨ ਪਾਈਆ ਪੰਡਤੀ ਜਿ ਹੋਵੈ ਲੇਖੁ ਪੁਰਾਣੁ ॥

vayl na paa-ee-aa pandtee je hovai laykh puraan.

The pandits never knew the time of creation the universe, otherwise it would have been recorded in their scriptures.

ਵਖਤੁ ਨ ਪਾਇਓ ਕਾਦੀਆ ਜਿ ਲਿਖਨਿ ਲੇਖੁ ਕੁਰਾਣੁ ॥

vakhat na paa-i-o kaadee-aa je likhan laykh kuraan.

Had the Qazis known that time of creation of the universe, it would have been recorded in the Quran.

ਥਿਤਿ ਵਾਰੁ ਨਾ ਜੋਗੀ ਜਾਣੈ ਰੁਤਿ ਮਾਹੁ ਨਾ ਕੋਈ ॥

thit vaar naa jogee jaanai rut maahu naa ko-ee.

Neither yogis nor any other person knows the exact day, season, or month of creation.

ਜਾ ਕਰਤਾ ਸਿਰਠੀ ਕਉ ਸਾਜੇ ਆਪੇ ਜਾਣੈ ਸੋਈ ॥

jaa kartaa sirthee ka-o saajay aapay jaanai so-ee.

Only the Creator who formed this creation knows about it.

ਕਿਵ ਕਰਿ ਆਖਾ ਕਿਵ ਸਾਲਾਹੀ ਕਿਉ ਵਰਨੀ ਕਿਵ ਜਾਣਾ ॥

kiv kar aakhaa kiv saalaahee ki-o varnee kiv jaanaa.

How can I comprehend, describe, and praise the Divine's greatness?

ਨਾਨਕ ਆਖਣਿ ਸਭੁ ਕੋ ਆਖੈ ਇਕ ਦੂ ਇਕੁ ਸਿਆਣਾ ॥

naanak aakhan sabh ko aakhai ik doo ik si-aanaa.

O' Nanak, everyone attempts to describe the Divine's glory, each believing themselves wiser than others.

ਵਡਾ ਸਾਹਿਬੁ ਵਡੀ ਨਾਈ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾ ਕਾ ਹੋਵੈ ॥

vadaa saahib vadee naa-ee keetaa jaa kaa hovai.

The Divine Word is the supreme Master, bringing immense glory and inner bliss.

ਨਾਨਕ ਜੇ ਕੋ ਆਪੌ ਜਾਣੈ ਅਗੈ ਗਇਆ ਨ ਸੋਹੈ ॥੨੧॥

naanak jay ko aapou jaanai agai ga-i-aa na sohai. ||21||

O' Nanak, whoever claims to fully know the Divine and His creation will not find inner bliss.

ਪਾਤਾਲਾ ਪਾਤਾਲ ਲਖ ਆਗਾਸਾ ਆਗਾਸ ॥

paataalaa paataal lakh aagaasaa aagaas.

Countless nether regions lie below this world and countless regions stretch above.

ਓੜਕ ਓੜਕ ਭਾਲਿ ਥਕੇ ਵੇਦ ਕਹਨਿ ਇਕ ਵਾਤ ॥

orhak orhak bhaal thakay vayd kahan ik vaat.

The Vedas state that scholars have exhausted themselves seeking the limits of Divine creation

ਸਹਸ ਅਠਾਰਹ ਕਹਨਿ ਕਤੇਬਾ ਅਸੁਲੂ ਇਕੁ ਧਾਤੁ ॥

sahas athaarah kahan kataybaa asuloo ik Dhaat.

The Quran mentions that there are eighteen thousand worlds, stemming from one Divine Creator

ਲੇਖਾ ਹੋਇ ਤ ਲਿਖੀਐ ਲੇਖੈ ਹੋਇ ਵਿਣਾਸੁ ॥

laykhaa ho-ay ta likee-ai laykhai ho-ay vinaas.

But the limitless Divine creation cannot be enumerated, as digits would run out before it could be fully counted.

ਨਾਨਕ ਵਡਾ ਆਖੀਐ ਆਪੇ ਜਾਣੈ ਆਪੁ ॥੨੨॥

naanak vadaa aakhee-ai aapay jaanai aap. ||22||

O' Nanak, the Divine is truly great; His immense greatness is known to Him alone.

ਸਾਲਾਹੀ ਸਾਲਾਹਿ ਏਤੀ ਸੁਰਤਿ ਨ ਪਾਈਆ ॥

saalaahee saalaahi aytee surat na paa-ee-aa.

All those who praise the Divine cannot grasp His full greatness.

ਨਦੀਆ ਅਤੈ ਵਾਹ ਪਵਹਿ ਸਮੁੰਦਿ ਨ ਜਾਣੀਅਹਿ ॥

nadee-aa atai vaah pavahi samund na jaanee-ahi.

They are like stream and rivers flowing into the ocean, yet cannot grasp its vastness.

ਸਮੁੰਦ ਸਾਹ ਸੁਲਤਾਨ ਗਿਰਹਾ ਸੇਤੀ ਮਾਲੁ ਧਨੁ ॥

samund saah sultaan girhaa saytee maal Dhan.

The vast fortunes of kings and rulers pale in comparison

ਕੀੜੀ ਤੁਲਿ ਨ ਹੋਵਨੀ ਜੇ ਤਿਸੁ ਮਨਹੁ ਨ ਵੀਸਰਹਿ ॥੨੩॥

keerhee tul na hovnee jay tis manhu na veesrahi. ||23||

to the spiritual richness of even the humblest soul who keeps the Divine unforgotten in their heart.

ਅੰਤੁ ਨ ਸਿਫਤੀ ਕਹਣਿ ਨ ਅੰਤੁ ॥

ant na siftee kahan na ant.

Infinite are the Divine's glories, and infinite are the ways they can be described.

ਅੰਤੁ ਨ ਕਰਣੈ ਦੇਣਿ ਨ ਅੰਤੁ ॥

ant na karnai dayn na ant.

The Divine's wisdom is without limit, and His benevolent gifts to us are ceaseless.

ਅੰਤੁ ਨ ਵੇਖਣਿ ਸੁਣਣਿ ਨ ਅੰਤੁ ॥

ant na vaykhan sunan na ant.

The Divine's virtues are so vast that neither sight nor sound can fully encompass their limits.

ਅੰਤੁ ਨ ਜਾਪੈ ਕਿਆ ਮਨਿ ਮੰਤੁ ॥

ant na jaapai ki-aa man mant.

Divine’s purpose is beyond comprehension.

ਅੰਤੁ ਨ ਜਾਪੈ ਕੀਤਾ ਆਕਾਰੁ ॥

ant na jaapai keetaa aakaar.

The full extent of Divine wisdom cannot be comprehended.

ਅੰਤੁ ਨ ਜਾਪੈ ਪਾਰਾਵਾਰੁ ॥

ant na jaapai paaraavaar.

The vast expanse of His Divine wisdom knows no discernible beginning or end

ਅੰਤ ਕਾਰਣਿ ਕੇਤੇ ਬਿਲਲਾਹਿ ॥

ant kaaran kaytay billaahi.

Many strive to comprehend His limits.

ਤਾ ਕੇ ਅੰਤ ਨ ਪਾਏ ਜਾਹਿ ॥

taa kay ant na paa-ay jaahi.

but His limits cannot be found.

ਏਹੁ ਅੰਤੁ ਨ ਜਾਣੈ ਕੋਇ ॥

ayhu ant na jaanai ko-ay.

No one is capable of knowing these limits.

ਬਹੁਤਾ ਕਹੀਐ ਬਹੁਤਾ ਹੋਇ ॥

bahutaa kahee-ai bahutaa ho-ay.

The more you say about them, the more there still remains to be said.

ਵਡਾ ਸਾਹਿਬੁ ਊਚਾ ਥਾਉ ॥

vadaa saahib oochaa thaa-o.

He is the ultimate Sovereign, whose divine wisdom transcends all.

ਊਚੇ ਉਪਰਿ ਊਚਾ ਨਾਉ ॥

oochay upar oochaa naa-o.

Highest of all is His glorious divine wisdom,

ਏਵਡੁ ਊਚਾ ਹੋਵੈ ਕੋਇ ॥

ayvad oochaa hovai ko-ay.

Only someone as great as Him,

ਤਿਸੁ ਊਚੇ ਕਉ ਜਾਣੈ ਸੋਇ ॥

tis oochay ka-o jaanai so-ay.

can know His supreme and Exalted State.

ਜੇਵਡੁ ਆਪਿ ਜਾਣੈ ਆਪਿ ਆਪਿ ॥

jayvad aap jaanai aap aap.

Only He Himself knows how Great He Is.

ਨਾਨਕ ਨਦਰੀ ਕਰਮੀ ਦਾਤਿ ॥੨੪॥

naanak nadree karmee daat. ||24||

O' Nanak, the gift of inner bliss comes only through His merciful grace.

ਬਹੁਤਾ ਕਰਮੁ ਲਿਖਿਆ ਨਾ ਜਾਇ ॥

bahutaa karam likhi-aa naa jaa-ay.

His blessings are too abundant to be accounted for.

ਵਡਾ ਦਾਤਾ ਤਿਲੁ ਨ ਤਮਾਇ ॥

vadaa daataa til na tamaa-ay.

The Great Giver has no greed or expectation.

ਕੇਤੇ ਮੰਗਹਿ ਜੋਧ ਅਪਾਰ ॥

kaytay mangahi joDh apaar.

Countless warriors who fight their inner vices, and countless warriors who fight for the downtrodden and helpless, all ask for blessings and guidance.

ਕੇਤਿਆ ਗਣਤ ਨਹੀ ਵੀਚਾਰੁ ॥

kayti-aa ganat nahee veechaar.

Countless others beg for His bounties

ਕੇਤੇ ਖਪਿ ਤੁਟਹਿ ਵੇਕਾਰ ॥

kaytay khap tutahi vaykaar.

Many are consumed in vices and perish in anxiety.

ਕੇਤੇ ਲੈ ਲੈ ਮੁਕਰੁ ਪਾਹਿ ॥

kaytay lai lai mukar paahi.

Many keep on receiving His gifts, but deny receiving them.

ਕੇਤੇ ਮੂਰਖ ਖਾਹੀ ਖਾਹਿ ॥

kaytay moorakh khaahee khaahi.

Many fools consume endlessly, forgetting the Giver.

ਕੇਤਿਆ ਦੂਖ ਭੂਖ ਸਦ ਮਾਰ ॥

kayti-aa dookh bhookh sad maar.

Many endure constant suffering, hunger, and abuse.

ਏਹਿ ਭਿ ਦਾਤਿ ਤੇਰੀ ਦਾਤਾਰ ॥

ayhi bhe daat tayree daataar.

O' Giver, even hardship is your gift, teaching us to live in your will.

ਬੰਦਿ ਖਲਾਸੀ ਭਾਣੈ ਹੋਇ ॥

band khalaasee bhaanai ho-ay.

Freedom from worldly attachments comes only by accepting Your will and following Your divine path.

ਹੋਰੁ ਆਖਿ ਨ ਸਕੈ ਕੋਇ ॥

hor aakh na sakai ko-ay.

No one else has any say in this.

ਜੇ ਕੋ ਖਾਇਕੁ ਆਖਣਿ ਪਾਇ ॥

jay ko khaa-ik aakhan paa-ay.

A fool who tries to explain Divine's greatness or find another path to liberation will only reveal their own ignorance.

ਓਹੁ ਜਾਣੈ ਜੇਤੀਆ ਮੁਹਿ ਖਾਇ ॥

oh jaanai jaytee-aa muhi khaa-ay.

Only he knows the inner spiritual suffering his folly will bring.

ਆਪੇ ਜਾਣੈ ਆਪੇ ਦੇਇ ॥

aapay jaanai aapay day-ay.

The Divine knows our needs and provides for them.

ਆਖਹਿ ਸਿ ਭਿ ਕੇਈ ਕੇਇ ॥

aakhahi se bhe kay-ee kay-ay.

Yet, only a few acknowledge it.

ਜਿਸ ਨੋ ਬਖਸੇ ਸਿਫਤਿ ਸਾਲਾਹ ॥

jis no bakhsay sifat saalaah.

One upon whom the Divine bestows the gift of His praise,

ਨਾਨਕ ਪਾਤਿਸਾਹੀ ਪਾਤਿਸਾਹੁ ॥੨੫॥

naanak paatisaahee paatisaahu. ||25||

O' Nanak, he is the spiritually richest person in the world.

ਅਮੁਲ ਗੁਣ ਅਮੁਲ ਵਾਪਾਰ ॥

amul gun amul vaapaar.

Priceless are Divine's virtues, priceless is the effort to acquire those virtues.

ਅਮੁਲ ਵਾਪਾਰੀਏ ਅਮੁਲ ਭੰਡਾਰ ॥

amul vaapaaree-ay amul bhandaar.

Priceless are those who acquire and priceless are Your treasures.

ਅਮੁਲ ਆਵਹਿ ਅਮੁਲ ਲੈ ਜਾਹਿ ॥

amul aavahi amul lai jaahi.

Priceless are those who come to this world and depart after acquiring His virtues.

ਅਮੁਲ ਭਾਇ ਅਮੁਲਾ ਸਮਾਹਿ ॥

amul bhaa-ay amulaa samaahi.

Priceless are those who are imbued in His love and are absorbed in Him.

ਅਮੁਲੁ ਧਰਮੁ ਅਮੁਲੁ ਦੀਬਾਣੁ ॥

amul Dharam amul deebaan.

Priceless is the Divine Law and Priceless is Divine Justice.

ਅਮੁਲੁ ਤੁਲੁ ਅਮੁਲੁ ਪਰਵਾਣੁ ॥

amul tul amul parvaan.

Priceless is His system of justice and Priceless are His laws.

ਅਮੁਲੁ ਬਖਸੀਸ ਅਮੁਲੁ ਨੀਸਾਣੁ ॥

amul bakhsees amul neesaan.

Invaluable are His blessings, and priceless the signs of His grace

ਅਮੁਲੁ ਕਰਮੁ ਅਮੁਲੁ ਫੁਰਮਾਣੁ ॥

amul karam amul furmaan.

Immeasurable is His mercy; beyond value is His divine command.

ਅਮੁਲੋ ਅਮੁਲੁ ਆਖਿਆ ਨ ਜਾਇ ॥

amulo amul aakhi-aa na jaa-ay.

He is beyond measure, priceless beyond all words

ਆਖਿ ਆਖਿ ਰਹੇ ਲਿਵ ਲਾਇ ॥

aakh aakh rahay liv laa-ay.

Many continuously speak of Him, absorbed in His love, yet His virtues remain indescribable

ਆਖਹਿ ਵੇਦ ਪਾਠ ਪੁਰਾਣ ॥

aakhahi vayd paath puraan.

The Vedas and Puranas attempted to describe Him

ਆਖਹਿ ਪੜੇ ਕਰਹਿ ਵਖਿਆਣ ॥

aakhahi parhay karahi vakhi-aan.

Scholars speak of Him and deliver discourses to describe Him.

ਆਖਹਿ ਬਰਮੇ ਆਖਹਿ ਇੰਦ ॥

aakhahi barmay aakhahi ind.

Countless mythical beings like Brahma and Indra recount the Divine's glory.

ਆਖਹਿ ਗੋਪੀ ਤੈ ਗੋਵਿੰਦ ॥

aakhahi gopee tai govind.

The mythical Gopis and Krishnas sing the Divine’s praises.

ਆਖਹਿ ਈਸਰ ਆਖਹਿ ਸਿਧ ॥

aakhahi eesar aakhahi siDh.

Countless mythical Shivas and the sages sing the Divine's praises.

ਆਖਹਿ ਕੇਤੇ ਕੀਤੇ ਬੁਧ ॥

aakhahi kaytay keetay buDh.

Innumerable enlightened souls created by Him speak of His virtues.

ਆਖਹਿ ਦਾਨਵ ਆਖਹਿ ਦੇਵ ॥

aakhahi daanav aakhahi dayv.

The mythical demons and angels also speak of the Divine's glory.

ਆਖਹਿ ਸੁਰਿ ਨਰ ਮੁਨਿ ਜਨ ਸੇਵ ॥

aakhahi sur nar mun jan sayv.

Devoted, wise men and their followers sing the Divine's praises.

ਕੇਤੇ ਆਖਹਿ ਆਖਣਿ ਪਾਹਿ ॥

kaytay aakhahi aakhan paahi.

Many are describing and many more are attempting to describe the Divines virtues,

ਕੇਤੇ ਕਹਿ ਕਹਿ ਉਠਿ ਉਠਿ ਜਾਹਿ ॥

kaytay kahi kahi uth uth jaahi.

Many depart, having tried to fully praise the Divine.

ਏਤੇ ਕੀਤੇ ਹੋਰਿ ਕਰੇਹਿ ॥ ਤਾ ਆਖਿ ਨ ਸਕਹਿ ਕੇਈ ਕੇਇ ॥

aytay keetay hor karayhi. taa aakh na sakahi kay-ee kay-ay.

O’ Divine, if You were to create many more people than there already are, still,

they would not be able to fully express Your virtues.

ਜੇਵਡੁ ਭਾਵੈ ਤੇਵਡੁ ਹੋਇ ॥

jayvad bhaavai tayvad ho-ay.

The Divine becomes as great as He wishes to be.

ਨਾਨਕ ਜਾਣੈ ਸਾਚਾ ਸੋਇ ॥

naanak jaanai saachaa so-ay.

O' Nanak, the Divine Himself knows how great He is?

ਜੇ ਕੋ ਆਖੈ ਬੋਲੁਵਿਗਾੜੁ ॥

jay ko aakhai boluvigaarh.

If anyone claims to be able to fully describe the Divine,

ਤਾ ਲਿਖੀਐ ਸਿਰਿ ਗਾਵਾਰਾ ਗਾਵਾਰੁ ॥੨੬॥

taa likee-ai sir gaavaaraa gaavaar. ||26||

Then he should be considered a Naïve, innocent person.

ਸੋ ਦਰੁ ਕੇਹਾ ਸੋ ਘਰੁ ਕੇਹਾ ਜਿਤੁ ਬਹਿ ਸਰਬ ਸਮਾਲੇ ॥

so dar kayhaa so ghar kayhaa jit bahi sarab samaalay.

O' Divine, I am in awe, how You seamlessly run this creation?

ਵਾਜੇ ਨਾਦ ਅਨੇਕ ਅਸੰਖਾ ਕੇਤੇ ਵਾਵਣਹਾਰੇ ॥

vaajay naad anayk asankhaa kaytay vaavanhaaray.

Countless divine melodies are played by an extremely great number of beings. All singing the praises of the Creator, in awe of the Divine.

ਕੇਤੇ ਰਾਗ ਪਰੀ ਸਿਉ ਕਹੀਅਨਿ ਕੇਤੇ ਗਾਵਣਹਾਰੇ ॥

kaytay raag paree si-o kahee-an kaytay gaavanhaaray.

Innumerable melodies and musical measures are sung by countless singers, all praising the Divine. The vast, spiritual harmony of creation offering its praises to the Creator.

ਗਾਵਹਿ ਤੁਹਨੋ ਪਉਣੁ ਪਾਣੀ ਬੈਸੰਤਰੁ ਗਾਵੈ ਰਾਜਾ ਧਰਮੁ ਦੁਆਰੇ ॥

gaavahi tuhno pa-un paanee baisantar gaavai raajaa Dharam du-aaray.

The air, water, fire, and the king of justice all sing Your praises seeking the gateway to liberation.

ਗਾਵਹਿ ਚਿਤੁ ਗੁਪਤੁ ਲਿਖਿ ਜਾਣਹਿ ਲਿਖਿ ਲਿਖਿ ਧਰਮੁ ਵੀਚਾਰੇ ॥

gaavahi chit gupat likh jaaneh likh likh Dharam veechaaray.

Mythical angels Chitra & Gupta the keepers of our karmic records and the judge of our deeds sing Your praises, acknowledging Your supreme authority.

ਗਾਵਹਿ ਈਸਰੁ ਬਰਮਾ ਦੇਵੀ ਸੋਹਨਿ ਸਦਾ ਸਵਾਰੇ ॥

gaavahi eesar barmaa dayvee sohan sadaa savaaray.

Mythical Shiva, Brahma, and the Goddesses made spiritually beautiful by the Divine, revere the cosmic powers of the one creator.

ਗਾਵਹਿ ਇੰਦ ਇਦਾਸਣਿ ਬੈਠੇ ਦੇਵਤਿਆ ਦਰਿ ਨਾਲੇ ॥

gaavahi ind idaasan baithay dayviti-aa dar naalay.

Mythical Indra, seated on his throne with the gods, all sing Your praises at Your door, acknowledging Your supreme authority.

ਗਾਵਹਿ ਸਿਧ ਸਮਾਧੀ ਅੰਦਰਿ ਗਾਵਨਿ ਸਾਧ ਵਿਚਾਰੇ ॥

gaavahi siDh samaaDhee andar gaavan saaDh vichaaray.

The spiritually perfect sages sing Your praises in deep meditation, and so do the simple, contemplating devotees, acknowledging Your supreme authority.

ਗਾਵਨਿ ਜਤੀ ਸਤੀ ਸੰਤੋਖੀ ਗਾਵਹਿ ਵੀਰ ਕਰਾਰੇ ॥

gaavan jatee satee santokhee gaavahi veer karaaray.

The virtuous celibates, the truthful, the content, and the brave warriors all sing Your praises.

ਗਾਵਨਿ ਪੰਡਿਤ ਪੜਨਿ ਰਖੀਸਰ ਜੁਗੁ ਜੁਗੁ ਵੇਦਾ ਨਾਲੇ ॥

gaavan pandit parhan rakheesar jug jug vaydaa naalay.

Pandits and great sages, who have studied the Vedas for ages, still sing Your praises, acknowledging their knowledge is rooted in the Divine.

ਗਾਵਹਿ ਮੋਹਣੀਆ ਮਨੁ ਮੋਹਨਿ ਸੁਰਗਾ ਮਛ ਪਇਆਲੇ ॥

gaavahi mohnee-aa man mohan surgaa machh pa-i-aalay.

The captivating beauties of all realms—heaven, earth, and the netherworlds—all sing Your praises, acknowledging that all charm and power ultimately comes from You.

ਗਾਵਨਿ ਰਤਨ ਉਪਾਏ ਤੇਰੇ ਅਠਸਠਿ ਤੀਰਥ ਨਾਲੇ ॥

gaavan ratan upaa-ay tayray athsath tirath naalay.

The spiritually precious souls You created and all sixty-eight holy pilgrimage sites sing Your praises, showing that all creation is centered on You.

ਗਾਵਹਿ ਜੋਧ ਮਹਾਬਲ ਸੂਰਾ ਗਾਵਹਿ ਖਾਣੀ ਚਾਰੇ ॥

gaavahi joDh mahaabal sooraa gaavahi khaanee chaaray.

The mighty warriors and all beings from the four sources of life sing Your praises, showing that all creation, in every form, is devoted to You.

ਗਾਵਹਿ ਖੰਡ ਮੰਡਲ ਵਰਭੰਡਾ ਕਰਿ ਕਰਿ ਰਖੇ ਧਾਰੇ ॥

gaavahi khand mandal varbhandaa kar kar rakhay Dhaaray.

The Divine's praises are sung by all continents, worlds, and universes that He created and supports. Every part of the cosmos is an expression of His grace and praises Him.

ਸੇਈ ਤੁਧੁਨੋ ਗਾਵਹਿ ਜੋ ਤੁਧੁ ਭਾਵਨਿ ਰਤੇ ਤੇਰੇ ਭਗਤ ਰਸਾਲੇ ॥

say-ee tuDhuno gaavahi jo tuDh bhaavan ratay tayray bhagat rasaalay.

Only those who are pleasing to You, O' Divine, truly praise You. Your devotees, imbued with the nectar of Your essence, sing in love and bliss.

ਹੋਰਿ ਕੇਤੇ ਗਾਵਨਿ ਸੇ ਮੈ ਚਿਤਿ ਨ ਆਵਨਿ ਨਾਨਕੁ ਕਿਆ ਵੀਚਾਰੇ ॥

hor kaytay gaavan say mai chit na aavan naanak ki-aa veechaaray.

Many more are singing of You, which are not coming into my mind; how can Nanak think about all those who sing Your praises?

ਸੋਈ ਸੋਈ ਸਦਾ ਸਚੁ ਸਾਹਿਬੁ ਸਾਚਾ ਸਾਚੀ ਨਾਈ ॥

so-ee so-ee sadaa sach saahib saachaa saachee naa-ee.

The Divine is, was, and will always be the Truth. He is the eternal Master, and His brilliance is forever true.

ਹੈ ਭੀ ਹੋਸੀ ਜਾਇ ਨ ਜਾਸੀ ਰਚਨਾ ਜਿਨਿ ਰਚਾਈ ॥

hai bhee hosee jaa-ay na jaasee rachnaa jin rachaa-ee.

The Divine exists now, will exist in the future, and will never perish. He is the Creator of all.

ਰੰਗੀ ਰੰਗੀ ਭਾਤੀ ਕਰਿ ਕਰਿ ਜਿਨਸੀ ਮਾਇਆ ਜਿਨਿ ਉਪਾਈ ॥

rangee rangee bhaatee kar kar jinsee maa-i-aa jin upaa-ee.

Divine created Maya, in many colors, varieties and species,

ਕਰਿ ਕਰਿ ਵੇਖੈ ਕੀਤਾ ਆਪਣਾ ਜਿਵ ਤਿਸ ਦੀ ਵਡਿਆਈ ॥

kar kar vaykhai keetaa aapnaa jiv tis dee vadi-aa-ee.

and watches over His creation, for its magnificence is a reflection of His greatness and glory.

ਜੋ ਤਿਸੁ ਭਾਵੈ ਸੋਈ ਕਰਸੀ ਹੁਕਮੁ ਨ ਕਰਣਾ ਜਾਈ ॥

jo tis bhaavai so-ee karsee hukam na karnaa jaa-ee.

What is pleasing to the Divine's Will shall happen. No one can command the Divine.

ਸੋ ਪਾਤਿਸਾਹੁ ਸਾਹਾ ਪਾਤਿਸਾਹਿਬੁ ਨਾਨਕ ਰਹਣੁ ਰਜਾਈ ॥੨੭॥

so paatisaahu saahaa paatisaahib naanak rahan rajaa-ee. ||27||

He is the King of kings, the Master of all kings, O' Nanak; to remain in His Will is the only true way to live.

ਮੁੰਦਾ ਸੰਤੋਖੁ ਸਰਮੁ ਪਤੁ ਝੋਲੀ ਧਿਆਨ ਕੀ ਕਰਹਿ ਬਿਭੂਤਿ ॥

munda santokh saram pat jholee Dhi-aan kee karahi bibhoot.

O' yogi, Embrace inner contentment as your earrings, hard work and humility as your begging bowl, and focused meditation as the purifying ashes on your body.

ਖਿੰਥਾ ਕਾਲੁ ਕੁਆਰੀ ਕਾਇਆ ਜੁਗਤਿ ਡੰਡਾ ਪਰਤੀਤਿ ॥

khinthaa kaal ku-aaree kaa-i-aa jugat dandaa parteet.

Let the awareness of death be your patched coat, a high moral character as your way of life and faith in Divine as your walking stick.

ਆਈ ਪੰਥੀ ਸਗਲ ਜਮਾਤੀ ਮਨਿ ਜੀਤੈ ਜਗੁ ਜੀਤੁ ॥

aa-ee panthee sagal jamaatee man jeetai jag jeet.

Consider all of humanity your spiritual community. By conquering your own mind and ego, you conquer the inner soul and find true spiritual victory.

ਆਦੇਸੁ ਤਿਸੈ ਆਦੇਸੁ ॥

aadays tisai aadays.

My reverence is for the Divine, and my only obedience is to Him.

ਆਦਿ ਅਨੀਲੁ ਅਨਾਦਿ ਅਨਾਹਤਿ ਜੁਗੁ ਜੁਗੁ ਏਕੋ ਵੇਸੁ ॥੨੮॥

aad aneel anaad anaahat jug jug ayko vays. ||28||

The Divine is Primal, Immaculate, without beginning or end. He is the unchanging One, whose essence remains the same throughout all ages.

ਭੁਗਤਿ ਗਿਆਨੁ ਦਇਆ ਭੰਡਾਰਣਿ ਘਟਿ ਘਟਿ ਵਾਜਹਿ ਨਾਦ ॥

bhugat gi-aan da-i-aa bhandaaran ghat ghat vaajeh naad.

O' Yogi, let spiritual knowledge be your sustenance and compassion be your storehouse keeper. The divine sound of Divine's presence resonates in every heart.

ਆਪਿ ਨਾਥੁ ਨਾਥੀ ਸਭ ਜਾ ਕੀ ਰਿਧਿ ਸਿਧਿ ਅਵਰਾ ਸਾਦ ॥

aap naath naathee sabh jaa kee riDh siDh avraa saad.

Divine Himself is the Master of all, who controls the entire universe; miracles and other spiritual powers are the diversions that take one away from Divine.

ਸੰਜੋਗੁ ਵਿਜੋਗੁ ਦੁਇ ਕਾਰ ਚਲਾਵਹਿ ਲੇਖੇ ਆਵਹਿ ਭਾਗ ॥

sanjog vijog du-ay kaar chalaaveh laykhay aavahi bhaag.

Divine's law of union and separation of individuals regulates the play of the world and one receives what one is destined for.

ਆਦੇਸੁ ਤਿਸੈ ਆਦੇਸੁ ॥

aadays tisai aadays.

Humbly bow to Divine,

ਆਦਿ ਅਨੀਲੁ ਅਨਾਦਿ ਅਨਾਹਤਿ ਜੁਗੁ ਜੁਗੁ ਏਕੋ ਵੇਸੁ ॥੨੯॥

aad aneel anaad anaahat jug jug ayko vays. ||29||

who is the primal, immaculate, without beginning, indestructible and unchanging through the ages.

ਏਕਾ ਮਾਈ ਜੁਗਤਿ ਵਿਆਈ ਤਿਨਿ ਚੇਲੇ ਪਰਵਾਣੁ ॥

aykaa maa-ee jugat vi-aa-ee tin chaylay parvaan.

According to mythological Hindu beliefs, Maya mysteriously conceived and gave birth to three sons (deities).

ਇਕੁ ਸੰਸਾਰੀ ਇਕੁ ਭੰਡਾਰੀ ਇਕੁ ਲਾਏ ਦੀਬਾਣੁ ॥

ik sansaaree ik bhandaaree ik laa-ay deebaan.

One is believed to be the creator of the world, one the sustainer and another one the destroyer.

ਜਿਵ ਤਿਸੁ ਭਾਵੈ ਤਿਵੈ ਚਲਾਵੈ ਜਿਵ ਹੋਵੈ ਫੁਰਮਾਣੁ ॥

jiv tis bhaavai tivai chalaavai jiv hovai furmaan.

Divine directs our path as He wills; everything that happens is according to His

divine command.

ਓਹੁ ਵੇਖੈ ਓਨਾ ਨਦਰਿ ਨ ਆਵੈ ਬਹੁਤਾ ਏਹੁ ਵਿਡਾਣੁ ॥

oh vaykhai onaa nadar na aavai bahutaa ayhu vidaan.

Divine is everywhere and is constantly observing everything, yet most people are unable to perceive Him

ਆਦੇਸੁ ਤਿਸੈ ਆਦੇਸੁ ॥

aadays tisai aadays.

Humbly surrender to the Divine,

ਆਦਿ ਅਨੀਲੁ ਅਨਾਦਿ ਅਨਾਹਤਿ ਜੁਗੁ ਜੁਗੁ ਏਕੋ ਵੇਸੁ ॥੩੦॥

aad aneel anaad anaahat jug jug ayko vays. ||30||

who is primal, immaculate, without beginning, indestructible and unchanging through the ages.

ਆਸਣੁ ਲੋਇ ਲੋਇ ਭੰਡਾਰ ॥

aasan lo-ay lo-ay bhandaar.

Divine is present in the entire universe and the universe is full of His bounties.

ਜੋ ਕਿਛੁ ਪਾਇਆ ਸੁ ਏਕਾ ਵਾਰ ॥

jo kichh paa-i-aa so aykaa vaar.

Whatever bounties He has put in the universe, He has put these once for all.

ਕਰਿ ਕਰਿ ਵੇਖੈ ਸਿਰਜਣਹਾਰੁ ॥

kar kar vaykhai sirjanhaar.

Having created the universe, Divine is looking after His creation.

ਨਾਨਕ ਸਚੇ ਕੀ ਸਾਚੀ ਕਾਰ ॥

naanak sachay kee saachee kaar.

O' Nanak, Divine's system of sustaining His creation is perfect and flawless.

ਆਦੇਸੁ ਤਿਸੈ ਆਦੇਸੁ ॥

aadays tisai aadays.

Humbly surrender to the Divine,

ਆਦਿ ਅਨੀਲੁ ਅਨਾਦਿ ਅਨਾਹਤਿ ਜੁਗੁ ਜੁਗੁ ਏਕੋ ਵੇਸੁ ॥੩੧॥

aad aneel anaad anaahat jug jug ayko vays. ||31||

who is the source of everything, immaculate, without beginning, indestructible and unchanging through the ages.

ਇਕ ਦੂ ਜੀਭੌ ਲਖ ਹੋਹਿ ਲਖ ਹੋਵਹਿ ਲਖ ਵੀਸ ॥

ik doo jeebhou lakh hohi lakh hoveh lakh vees.

If instead of one tongue, one had hundred thousand tongues and even twenty times more,

ਲਖੁ ਲਖੁ ਗੇੜਾ ਆਖੀਅਹਿ ਏਕੁ ਨਾਮੁ ਜਗਦੀਸ ॥

lakh lakh gayrhaa aakhee-ahi ayk naam jagdees.

and if Divine's Name is recited millions of times with each tongue.

ਏਤੁ ਰਾਹਿ ਪਤਿ ਪਵੜੀਆ ਚੜੀਐ ਹੋਇ ਇਕੀਸ ॥

ayt raahi pat pavrhee-aa charhee-ai ho-ay ikees.

On this path, one climbs the steps to honor, becoming one with the Divine, achieving true union and spiritual elevation.

ਸੁਣਿ ਗਲਾ ਆਕਾਸ ਕੀ ਕੀਟਾ ਆਈ ਰੀਸ ॥

sun galaa aakaas kee keetaa aa-ee rees.

After listening about the spiritually awakened people, the lowly persons wish to emulate them as if the worms wish to fly like birds.

ਨਾਨਕ ਨਦਰੀ ਪਾਈਐ ਕੂੜੀ ਕੂੜੈ ਠੀਸ ॥੩੨॥

naanak nadree paa-ee-ai koorhee koorhai thees. ||32||

O' Nanak, Divine is realized only by His grace, all false boasts and worldly pretensions are ultimately worthless.

ਆਖਣਿ ਜੋਰੁ ਚੁਪੈ ਨਹ ਜੋਰੁ ॥

aakhan jor chupai nah jor.

We do not have any power by ourselves to speak or to remain silent

ਜੋਰੁ ਨ ਮੰਗਣਿ ਦੇਣਿ ਨ ਜੋਰੁ ॥

jor na mangan dayn na jor.

We have neither the power to ask nor to give, we get what is destined for us and the spirit of giving comes by Divine's blessings.

ਜੋਰੁ ਨ ਜੀਵਣਿ ਮਰਣਿ ਨਹ ਜੋਰੁ ॥

jor na jeevan maran nah jor.

Life and death too are not in our control.

ਜੋਰੁ ਨ ਰਾਜਿ ਮਾਲਿ ਮਨਿ ਸੋਰੁ ॥

jor na raaj maal man sor.

Acquiring power and worldly wealth, which cause ego in our mind, is beyond our control.

ਜੋਰੁ ਨ ਸੁਰਤੀ ਗਿਆਨਿ ਵੀਚਾਰਿ ॥

jor na surtee gi-aan veechaar.

We have no power to achieve spiritual awakening, knowledge or thinking.

ਜੋਰੁ ਨ ਜੁਗਤੀ ਛੁਟੈ ਸੰਸਾਰੁ ॥

jor na jugtee chhutai sansaar.

We have no power to escape from worldly temptations.

ਜਿਸੁ ਹਥਿ ਜੋਰੁ ਕਰਿ ਵੇਖੈ ਸੋਇ ॥

jis hath jor kar vaykhai so-ay.

Divine alone who has the Power to create and take care of creation.

ਨਾਨਕ ਉਤਮੁ ਨੀਚੁ ਨ ਕੋਇ ॥੩੩॥

naanak utam neech na ko-ay. ||33||

O' Nanak, no one is high or low. All are created equal in the eyes of Divine.

ਰਾਤੀ ਰੁਤੀ ਥਿਤੀ ਵਾਰ ॥

raatee rutee thitee vaar.

The nights, seasons, lunar days, week days,

ਪਵਣ ਪਾਣੀ ਅਗਨੀ ਪਾਤਾਲ ॥

pavan paanee agnee paataal.

wind, water, fire and the nether regions,

ਤਿਸੁ ਵਿਚਿ ਧਰਤੀ ਥਾਪਿ ਰਖੀ ਧਰਮ ਸਾਲ ॥

tis vich Dhartee thaap rakhee Dharam saal.

in the midst of all these, Divine established the earth as a stage for humans to perform righteous deeds for their spiritual growth.

ਤਿਸੁ ਵਿਚਿ ਜੀਅ ਜੁਗਤਿ ਕੇ ਰੰਗ ॥

tis vich jee-a jugat kay rang.

On this stage reside beings of various species and forms.

ਤਿਨ ਕੇ ਨਾਮ ਅਨੇਕ ਅਨੰਤ ॥

tin kay naam anayk anant.

whose names are countless and endless.

ਕਰਮੀ ਕਰਮੀ ਹੋਇ ਵੀਚਾਰੁ ॥

karmee karmee ho-ay veechaar.

Human beings are judged based on their deeds.

ਸਚਾ ਆਪਿ ਸਚਾ ਦਰਬਾਰੁ ॥

sachaa aap sachaa darbaar.

Divine Himself is true, and true is His justice.

ਤਿਥੈ ਸੋਹਨਿ ਪੰਚ ਪਰਵਾਣੁ ॥

tithai sohan panch parvaan.

In that realm, the accepted and spiritually awakened souls shine brightly, radiant with divine grace.

ਨਦਰੀ ਕਰਮਿ ਪਵੈ ਨੀਸਾਣੁ ॥

nadree karam pavai neesaan.

By Divine's grace and glance, one receives the divine mark of acceptance and honor, leading to liberation.

ਕਚ ਪਕਾਈ ਓਥੈ ਪਾਇ ॥

kach pakaa-ee othai paa-ay.

Success or failure in terms of spiritual growth is judged in Divine's presence.

ਨਾਨਕ ਗਇਆ ਜਾਪੈ ਜਾਇ ॥੩੪॥

naanak ga-i-aa jaapai jaa-ay. ||34||

O' Nanak, it is only upon reaching Divine's Presence that one discovers if one succeeded or failed.

ਧਰਮ ਖੰਡ ਕਾ ਏਹੋ ਧਰਮੁ ॥

Dharam khand kaa ayho Dharam.

This is the spiritual law of the Realm of Righteousness, where beings are judged on their actions.

ਗਿਆਨ ਖੰਡ ਕਾ ਆਖਹੁ ਕਰਮੁ ॥

gi-aan khand kaa aakhhu karam.

Nanak says in Realm of Knowledge, the stage of acquiring divine knowledge.

ਕੇਤੇ ਪਵਣ ਪਾਣੀ ਵੈਸੰਤਰ ਕੇਤੇ ਕਾਨ ਮਹੇਸ ॥

kaytay pavan paanee vaisantar kaytay kaan mahays.

The Divine's creation is so vast that there are so many forms of winds, waters and fires; so many Divine forms as Krishnas and Shivas.

ਕੇਤੇ ਬਰਮੇ ਘਾੜਤਿ ਘੜੀਅਹਿ ਰੂਪ ਰੰਗ ਕੇ ਵੇਸ ॥

kaytay barmay ghaarhat gharhee-ahi roop rang kay vays.

Countless are the Brahmas created in diverse forms, shapes, and appearances, all made by the Divine.

ਕੇਤੀਆ ਕਰਮ ਭੂਮੀ ਮੇਰ ਕੇਤੇ ਕੇਤੇ ਧੂ ਉਪਦੇਸ ॥

kaytee-aa karam bhoomee mayr kaytay kaytay Dhoo updays.

Countless are the Earths and cosmic mountains; countless are the Dhruvas (devotees) and their spiritual teachings.

ਕੇਤੇ ਇੰਦ ਚੰਦ ਸੂਰ ਕੇਤੇ ਕੇਤੇ ਮੰਡਲ ਦੇਸ ॥

kaytay ind chand soor kaytay kaytay mandal days.

Countless are the Indras, moons, suns, and endless are the worlds and universes Divine created.

ਕੇਤੇ ਸਿਧ ਬੁਧ ਨਾਥ ਕੇਤੇ ਕੇਤੇ ਦੇਵੀ ਵੇਸ ॥

kaytay siDh buDh naath kaytay kaytay dayvee vays.

Countless are the spiritually perfected, the enlightened, the yogis, and the divine goddesses, all manifestations of the One.

ਕੇਤੇ ਦੇਵ ਦਾਨਵ ਮੁਨਿ ਕੇਤੇ ਕੇਤੇ ਰਤਨ ਸਮੁੰਦ ॥

kaytay dayv daanav mun kaytay kaytay ratan samund.

Countless are the gods, demons, sages, and countless are the jewels and oceans of those jewels.

ਕੇਤੀਆ ਖਾਣੀ ਕੇਤੀਆ ਬਾਣੀ ਕੇਤੇ ਪਾਤ ਨਰਿੰਦ ॥

kaytee-aa khaanee kaytee-aa banee kaytay paat narind.

Countless are the life forms, languages, and countless are the kings and rulers, all created by Divine.

ਕੇਤੀਆ ਸੁਰਤੀ ਸੇਵਕ ਕੇਤੇ ਨਾਨਕ ਅੰਤੁ ਨ ਅੰਤੁ ॥੩੫॥

kaytee-aa surtee sayvak kaytay naanak ant na ant. ||35||

There are so many people who meditate, so many selfless servants: O' Nanak, there is no end to the creation of Divine.

ਗਿਆਨ ਖੰਡ ਮਹਿ ਗਿਆਨੁ ਪਰਚੰਡੁ ॥

gi-aan khand meh gi-aan parchand.

In the Realm of Knowledge, divine wisdom becomes supreme, overpowering all other worldly thoughts and attachments.

ਤਿਥੈ ਨਾਦ ਬਿਨੋਦ ਕੋਡ ਅਨੰਦੁ ॥

tithai naad binod kod anand.

In that state of divine knowledge, there is pure spiritual music, joy, and the bliss of Divine presence.

ਸਰਮ ਖੰਡ ਕੀ ਬਾਣੀ ਰੂਪੁ ॥

saram khand kee banee roop.

The Realm of Spiritual Effort is where the mind begins to be shaped and beautified through discipline, transforming one's inner being.

ਤਿਥੈ ਘਾੜਤਿ ਘੜੀਐ ਬਹੁਤੁ ਅਨੂਪੁ ॥

tithai ghaarhat gharhee-ai bahut anoop.

In this stage, the mind is shaped into an exceptionally beautiful form, a process of inner refinement.

ਤਾ ਕੀਆ ਗਲਾ ਕਥੀਆ ਨਾ ਜਾਹਿ ॥ ਜੇ ਕੋ ਕਹੈ ਪਿਛੈ ਪਛੁਤਾਇ ॥

taa kee-aa galaa kathee-aa naa jaahi. jay ko kahai pichhai pachhutaa-ay.

The spiritual experience is inexpressible; if someone tries to describe it with words, they will later regret it, as no words can do it justice.

ਤਿਥੈ ਘੜੀਐ ਸੁਰਤਿ ਮਤਿ ਮਨਿ ਬੁਧਿ ॥

tithai gharhee-ai surat mat man buDh.

In that realm of spiritual effort, consciousness, wisdom, mind, and intellect are

refined and shaped by the Divine.

ਤਿਥੈ ਘੜੀਐ ਸੁਰਾ ਸਿਧਾ ਕੀ ਸੁਧਿ ॥੩੬॥

tithai gharhee-ai suraa siDhaa kee suDh. ||36||

In that realm, a person's consciousness is shaped, attaining the wisdom of divine beings and spiritually perfected souls.

ਕਰਮ ਖੰਡ ਕੀ ਬਾਣੀ ਜੋਰੁ ॥

karam khand kee banee jor.

The Realm of Grace is where spiritual power becomes a part of one's being, as they receive the blessings of Divine.

ਤਿਥੈ ਹੋਰੁ ਨ ਕੋਈ ਹੋਰੁ ॥

tithai hor na ko-ee hor.

In that realm, no one else exists. One is completely in the presence of Divine alone, without any other distractions.

ਤਿਥੈ ਜੋਧ ਮਹਾਬਲ ਸੂਰ ॥

tithai joDh mahaabal soor.

In that realm, souls become true spiritual warriors, possessing immense strength and courage to fight inner vices.

ਤਿਨ ਮਹਿ ਰਾਮੁ ਰਹਿਆ ਭਰਪੂਰ ॥

tin meh raam rahi-aa bharpoor.

Within those spiritual warriors, Divine's presence is completely pervasive, filling their every fiber with divine strength and righteousness. This is the ultimate spiritual state.

ਤਿਥੈ ਸੀਤੋ ਸੀਤਾ ਮਹਿਮਾ ਮਾਹਿ ॥

tithai seeto seetaa mahimaa maahi.

In that state, the soul is completely woven into Divine's praises and majesty, fully absorbed in His glory.

ਤਾ ਕੇ ਰੂਪ ਨ ਕਥਨੇ ਜਾਹਿ ॥

taa kay roop na kathnay jaahi.

The divine forms of those enlightened souls are indescribable, their faces radiating a beauty that cannot be expressed.

ਨਾ ਓਹਿ ਮਰਹਿ ਨ ਠਾਗੇ ਜਾਹਿ ॥ ਜਿਨ ਕੈ ਰਾਮੁ ਵਸੈ ਮਨ ਮਾਹਿ ॥

naa ohi mareh na thaagay jaahi. jin kai raam vasai man maahi.

Those with the Divine within their minds do not spiritually perish nor can they be deceived by worldly attachments.

ਤਿਥੈ ਭਗਤ ਵਸਹਿ ਕੇ ਲੋਅ ॥

tithai bhagat vaseh kay lo-a.

In that divine realm, devotees from countless worlds and spiritual planes reside, all in union with Divine and each other.

ਕਰਹਿ ਅਨੰਦੁ ਸਚਾ ਮਨਿ ਸੋਇ ॥

karahi anand sachaa man so-ay.

They experience the eternal joy because Divine always dwells in their minds.

ਸਚ ਖੰਡਿ ਵਸੈ ਨਿਰੰਕਾਰੁ ॥

sach khand vasai nirankaar.

The Realm of Truth is the stage of union with Divine, in this stage the formless Divine dwells in the heart of the devotee a state of complete spiritual union.

ਕਰਿ ਕਰਿ ਵੇਖੈ ਨਦਰਿ ਨਿਹਾਲ ॥

kar kar vaykhai nadar nihaal.

Having created, the merciful Divine bestows gracious glance and takes care of His creation.

ਤਿਥੈ ਖੰਡ ਮੰਡਲ ਵਰਭੰਡ ॥

tithai khand mandal varbhand.

In that state of union with Divine, one perceives the countless realms, worlds, and universes created by the Divine.

ਜੇ ਕੋ ਕਥੈ ਤ ਅੰਤ ਨ ਅੰਤ ॥

jay ko kathai ta ant na ant.

If anyone attempts to describe 's endless creation, they will find there is no end to it. The Divine's vastness is beyond human comprehension.

ਤਿਥੈ ਲੋਅ ਲੋਅ ਆਕਾਰ ॥

tithai lo-a lo-a aakaar.

In that divine realm, one perceives endless worlds and creations, all manifestations of the Formless Creator.

ਜਿਵ ਜਿਵ ਹੁਕਮੁ ਤਿਵੈ ਤਿਵ ਕਾਰ ॥

jiv jiv hukam tivai tiv kaar.

One realizes that everything functions as He commands.

ਵੇਖੈ ਵਿਗਸੈ ਕਰਿ ਵੀਚਾਰੁ ॥

vaykhai vigsai kar veechaar.

Divine creates, observes, and sustains all with a thoughtful, joyous glance. He is content in His creation.

ਨਾਨਕ ਕਥਨਾ ਕਰੜਾ ਸਾਰੁ ॥੩੭॥

naanak kathnaa karrhaa saar. ||37||

O' Nanak, describing this state of spiritual union is as difficult as chewing iron.

ਜਤੁ ਪਾਹਾਰਾ ਧੀਰਜੁ ਸੁਨਿਆਰੁ ॥

jat paahaaraa Dheeraj suni-aar.

Taking the example of a goldsmith to describe how one can embark upon the task of spiritual enlightenment; let chastity be the shop, patience the goldsmith,

ਅਹਰਣਿ ਮਤਿ ਵੇਦੁ ਹਥੀਆਰੁ ॥

ahran mat vayd hathee-aar.

intellect the anvil and spiritual wisdom, the hammer.

ਭਉ ਖਲਾ ਅਗਨਿ ਤਪ ਤਾਉ ॥

bha-o khalaa agan tap taa-o.

The fear of Divine as the bellows and disciplined hard work as the fire.
Make the divine reverence your bellows and spiritual discipline your fire. Use them to forge your soul

ਭਾਂਡਾ ਭਾਉ ਅੰਮ੍ਰਿਤੁ ਤਿਤੁ ਢਾਲਿ ॥

bhaa^{N}daa bhaa-o amrit tit dhaal.

Make love your vessel and pour the nectar of Divine's name into it. This signifies that love and devotion are essential for receiving and absorbing the divine essence.

ਘੜੀਐ ਸਬਦੁ ਸਚੀ ਟਕਸਾਲ ॥

gharhee-ai sabad sachee taksaal.

This is the true spiritual mint where the Divine's Name is forged. Through this process, one becomes spiritually enlightened and transforms their soul.

ਜਿਨ ਕਉ ਨਦਰਿ ਕਰਮੁ ਤਿਨ ਕਾਰ ॥

jin ka-o nadar karam tin kaar.

This spiritual work is accomplished by those on whom Divine has cast his gracious glance. It is through His divine grace that we can truly begin to understand and transform ourselves.

ਨਾਨਕ ਨਦਰੀ ਨਦਰਿ ਨਿਹਾਲ ॥੩੮॥

naanak nadree nadar nihaal. ||38||

O' Nanak, through Divine's gracious and compassionate glance, one is blessed and completely fulfilled with bliss.

ਸਲੋਕੁ ॥

salok.

Shalok:

ਪਵਣੁ ਗੁਰੂ ਪਾਣੀ ਪਿਤਾ ਮਾਤਾ ਧਰਤਿ ਮਹਤੁ ॥

pavan guroo paanee pitaa maataa Dharat mahat.

Air is as essential for the body as is the Guru for the soul, water is like the father and earth is like the great mother of the entire world.

ਦਿਵਸੁ ਰਾਤਿ ਦੁਇ ਦਾਈ ਦਾਇਆ ਖੇਲੈ ਸਗਲ ਜਗਤੁ ॥

divas raat du-ay daa-ee daa-i-aa khaylai sagal jagat.

Days and nights are like male and female nurses in whose lap the entire world is playing the role assigned to each one in the worldly play.

ਚੰਗਿਆਈਆ ਬੁਰਿਆਈਆ ਵਾਚੈ ਧਰਮੁ ਹਦੂਰਿ ॥

chang-aa-ee-aa buri-aa-ee-aa vaachai Dharam hadoor.

The Divine as Righteous Judge, watches human beings' good and bad deeds.

ਕਰਮੀ ਆਪੋ ਆਪਣੀ ਕੇ ਨੇੜੈ ਕੇ ਦੂਰਿ ॥

karmee aapo aapnee kay nayrhai kay door.

According to their own deeds, some are drawn closer and some are driven farther away from Divine.

ਜਿਨੀ ਨਾਮੁ ਧਿਆਇਆ ਗਏ ਮਸਕਤਿ ਘਾਲਿ ॥

jinee naam Dhi-aa-i-aa ga-ay maskat ghaal.

Those who remember the Divine and work hard on the spiritual path, departed from this world achieveing inner bliss and fulfillment.

ਨਾਨਕ ਤੇ ਮੁਖ ਉਜਲੇ ਕੇਤੀ ਛੁਟੀ ਨਾਲਿ ॥੧॥

naanak tay mukh ujlay kaytee chhutee naal. ||1||

O' Nanak, their faces are radiant, and in their company, many are liberated from worldly bonds.

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Prayer

ੴ ਵਾਹਿਗੁਰੂ ਜੀ ਕੀ ਫ਼ਤਹਿ ॥

Ek-Oankar. Waheguroo Ji Ki Fateh

God is One. All victory is of the Wondrous Guru (God).

ਸ੍ਰੀ ਭਗੌਤੀ ਜੀ ਸਹਾਇ ॥

Sri Bhagouti ji Sahai

May the respected sword (God in the form of the Destroyer of evil doers) help us!

ਵਾਰ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਭਗੌਤੀ ਜੀ ਕੀ ਪਾਤਸ਼ਾਹੀ ੧੦ ॥

Vaar Sri Bhagouti Ji Ki Paatshaahee Dasvee

Ode of the respected sword recited by the Tenth Guru.

ਪ੍ਰਿਥਮ ਭਗੌਤੀ ਸਿਮਰਿ ਕੈ ਗੁਰ ਨਾਨਕ ਲਈਂ ਧਿਆਇ ॥

Pritham Bhagouti Simar Kai, Guru Naanak Layee Dhiyae

First remember the sword (God in the form of Destroyer of evil doers); then remember Nanak (dwell on his spiritual contribution).

ਫਿਰ ਅੰਗਦ ਗੁਰ ਤੇ ਅਮਰਦਾਸੁ ਰਾਮਦਾਸੈ ਹੋਈਂ ਸਹਾਇ ॥

Angad Gur Te Amar Das, Raamdaasai Hoye Sahai

Then remember and meditate upon Guru Angad, Guru Amar Das and Guru Ram Das; May they help us! (dwell on their spiritual contribution)

ਅਰਜਨ ਹਰਗੋਬਿੰਦ ਨੋ ਸਿਮਰੌਂ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਹਰਿਰਾਇ ॥

Arjan Hargobind No Simrou Sri Har Rai

Remember and meditate upon Guru Arjan, Guru Hargobind and Respected Guru Har Rai. (dwell on their spiritual contribution)

ਸ੍ਰੀ ਹਰਿਕ੍ਰਿਸ਼ਨ ਧਿਆਈਂਐ ਜਿਸ ਡਿਠੈ ਸਭਿ ਦੁਖ ਜਾਇ ॥

Sri HarKrishan Dhiyaa-eeai Jis Dhithi Sabh Dukh Jaye

Remember and meditate upon respected Guru Har Krishan, by having the sight

of whom, all pains vanish. (dwell on their spiritual contribution

ਤੇਗ ਬਹਾਦਰ ਸਿਮਰਿਐ ਘਰ ਨਉ ਨਿਧਿ ਆਵੈ ਧਾਇ ॥
Teg Bahadur Simareeai Ghar No Nidh Avai Dhai
Remember Guru Tegh Bahadur and then nine sources of spiritual wealth will come hastening to your home.

ਸਭ ਥਾਂਈ ਹੋਇ ਸਹਾਇ ॥
Sabh Thai Ho-e Sahaai
Oh God! kindly help us everywhere by showing us the path.

ਦਸਵਾਂ ਪਾਤਸ਼ਾਹ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਗੁਰੂ ਗੋਬਿੰਦ ਸਿੰਘ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਜੀ ! ਸਭ ਥਾਂਈ ਹੋਇ ਸਹਾਇ ॥
Dasvaa Paatshaah Guru Gobind Singh Ji Sabh Thai Ho-e Sahaai

Remember the respected Tenth Guru Gobind Singh *(dwell on his spiritual contribution).* Oh God! kindly help us everywhere by showing us the path.

ਦਸਾਂ ਪਾਤਸ਼ਾਹੀਆਂ ਦੀ ਜੋਤ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਗੁਰੂ ਗ੍ਰੰਥ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਜੀ ਦੇ ਪਾਠ ਦੀਦਾਰ ਦਾ ਧਿਆਨ ਧਰ ਕੇ ਬੋਲੋ ਜੀ ਵਾਹਿਗੁਰੂ !
Dasa Paatsaaheea Di Jot Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji, De Paath Deedaar Daa Dhiyaan Dhar Ke Bolo Ji Waheguroo
Think and meditate upon the divine light of the Ten Kings contained in the respected Guru Granth Sahib and turn your thoughts to the divine teachings of and get pleasure by the sight of Guru Granth Sahib; Utter Wahe Guru *(Wondrous God)*!

ਪੰਜਾਂ ਪਿਆਰਿਆਂ, ਚੌਹਾਂ ਸਾਹਿਬਜ਼ਾਦਿਆਂ, ਚਾਲ੍ਹੀਆਂ ਮੁਕਤਿਆਂ, ਹਠੀਆਂ ਜਪੀਆਂ, ਤਪੀਆਂ, ਜਿਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨਾਮ ਜਪਿਆ, ਵੰਡ ਛਕਿਆ, ਦੇਗ ਚਲਾਈ, ਤੇਗ ਵਾਹੀ, ਦੇਖ ਕੇ ਅਣਡਿੱਠ ਕੀਤਾ, ਤਿਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਪਿਆਰਿਆਂ, ਸਚਿਆਰਿਆਂ ਦੀ ਕਮਾਈ ਦਾ ਧਿਆਨ ਧਰ ਕੇ, ਖਾਲਸਾ ਜੀ ! ਬੋਲੋ ਜੀ ਵਾਹਿਗੁਰੂ !
Panja Piyariya, Chauhaa Sahibzadiya, Chaliya Mukhtiya, Huthiya, Jupiya, Tupiya, Jina Nam Jupiya, Vand Shakiya, Deg Chalaaee, Teg Vaahee, Dekh Ke Andhith Keetaa, Tinhaa Piariyaa, Sachiaariyaa Dee Kamaaee, Da Dhiyaan Dhar Ke Bolo Ji Waheguroo
Think of the deeds of the Five Beloved Ones, of the four sons *(of Guru Gobind Singh)*; of the Forty Martyrs; of the brave Sikhs of indomitable determination; of the devotees steeped in the colour of the Naam; of those who were absorbed in

the Naam; of those who remembered the Naam and shared their food in companionship; of those who started free kitchens; of those who wielded their swords *(for preserving truth)*; of those who overlooked others shortcomings; All the aforesaid were pure and truly devoted ones; Utter Wahe Guru *(Wondrous God)*!

ਜਿਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਸਿੰਘਾਂ ਸਿੰਘਣੀਆਂ ਨੇ ਧਰਮ ਹੇਤ ਸੀਸ ਦਿੱਤੇ, ਬੰਦ ਬੰਦ ਕਟਾਏ, ਖੋਪਰੀਆਂ ਲੁਹਾਈਆਂ, ਚਰਖੜੀਆਂ ਤੇ ਚੜ੍ਹੇ, ਆਰਿਆਂ ਨਾਲ ਚਿਰਾਏ ਗਏ, ਗੁਰਦੁਆਰਿਆਂ ਦੀ ਸੇਵਾ ਲਈ ਕੁਰਬਾਨੀਆਂ ਕੀਤੀਆਂ, ਧਰਮ ਨਹੀਂ ਹਾਰਿਆ, ਸਿੱਖੀ ਕੇਸਾਂ ਸੁਆਸਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਨਿਬਾਹੀ, ਤਿਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੀ ਕਮਾਈ ਦਾ ਧਿਆਨ ਧਰ ਕੇ ਖਾਲਸਾ ਜੀ ! ਬੋਲੋ ਜੀ ਵਾਹਿਗੁਰੂ !
Jinaa Singhaa Singhneeyaa Ne Dharam Het Sees Dithe, Bund Bund Kuttai, Khopriya Luhayiya, Charukriya Te Churhe, Aariaa Naal Chiraae Ge, Gurdwaraiya Di Seva Layee Kurbaniya Keethiya, Dharam Nehee Haariye, Sikhi Kesaa Suwaasaa Naal Nibaahee, Tina Dee Kamaaee Daa Dhiyaan Dhar Ke Bolo Ji Waheguroo
Think of and remember the unique service rendered by those brave Sikh men as well as women, who sacrificed their heads but did not surrender their Sikh Religion; Who got themselves cut to pieces from each of the joints of the body; Who got their scalps removed; Who were tied and rotated on the wheels and broken into pieces; Who were cut by saws; Who were flayed alive; Who sacrificed themselves to upkeep the dignity of the Gurdwaras; Who did not abandon their Sikh faith; Who kept their Sikh Religion and saved their long hair till their last breath; Utter Wahe Guru (Wondrous God)!

ਪੰਜਾਂ ਤਖਤਾਂ, ਸਰਬੱਤ ਗੁਰਦੁਆਰਿਆਂ ਦਾ ਧਿਆਨ ਧਰ ਕੇ ਬੋਲੋ ਜੀ ਵਾਹਿਗੁਰੂ !
Saarey Takhta Sarbat Gurdwariya Daa Dhiyaan Dhur Ke Bolo Ji Waheguroo
Turn your thoughts to all of the seats of Sikh Religion and all the Gurdwaras; utter Wahe Guru *(Wondrous God)*!

ਪ੍ਰਿਥਮੇ ਸਰਬੱਤ ਖਾਲਸਾ ਜੀ ਕੀ ਅਰਦਾਸ ਹੈ ਜੀ, ਸਰਬੱਤ ਖਾਲਸਾ ਜੀ ਕੋ ਵਾਹਿਗੁਰੂ, ਵਾਹਿਗੁਰੂ, ਵਾਹਿਗੁਰੂ ਚਿਤ ਆਵੇ, ਚਿੱਤ ਆਵਨ ਕਾ ਸਦਕਾ ਸਰਬ ਸੁਖ ਹੋਵੇ।
Prithme Sarbat Khaalsaa Ji Ki Ardaas Hai Ji, Sarbat Khaalsaa Ji Ko Waheguroo Waheguroo Waheguroo Chit Aavai Chit Aavan Ka Sadkaa Surab Sukh Hovai
First the entire respected Khalsa make this supplication that may they meditate on Your Name; and may all pleasures and comforts come through such meditation.

ਜਹਾਂ ਜਹਾਂ ਖਾਲਸਾ ਜੀ ਸਾਹਿਬ, ਤਹਾਂ ਤਹਾਂ ਰਛਿਆ ਰਿਆਇਤ, ਦੇਗ ਤੇਗ ਫ਼ਤਹਿ, ਬਿਰਦ ਕੀ ਪੈਜ, ਪੰਥ ਕੀ ਜੀਤ, ਸ੍ਰੀ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਜੀ ਸਹਾਇ, ਖਾਲਸੇ ਜੀ ਕੇ ਬੋਲ ਬਾਲੇ, ਬੋਲੋ ਜੀ ਵਾਹਿਗੁਰੂ !

Jahaa Jahaa Khaalsaa Ji Saahib, Tahaa Tahaa Ruchhiya Riyaa-it, Deg Teg Fateh, Bira Ki Paij, Panth Ki Jeet, Sree Saahib Ji Sahaai Khaalse Ji Ko Bol Baaley, Bolo Ji Waheguroo

Wherever respected Khalsa is present, give Your protection and grace; May the free kitchen and sword never fail; Maintain the honour of your devotees; Confer victory upon the Sikh people; May the respected sword always come to our assistance; May the Khalsa always get honours; Utter WaheGuru (Wondrous God)!

ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਸਿੱਖੀ ਦਾਨ, ਕੇਸ ਦਾਨ, ਰਹਿਤ ਦਾਨ, ਬਿਬੇਕ ਦਾਨ, ਵਿਸਾਹ ਦਾਨ, ਭਰੋਸਾ ਦਾਨ, ਦਾਨਾਂ ਸਿਰ ਦਾਨ, ਨਾਮ ਦਾਨ, ਸ੍ਰੀ ਅੰਮ੍ਰਿਤਸਰ ਜੀ ਦੇ ਇਸ਼ਨਾਨ, ਚੌਕੀਆਂ, ਝੰਡੇ, ਬੁੰਗੇ, ਜੁਗੋ ਜੁਗ ਅਟੱਲ, ਧਰਮ ਕਾ ਜੈਕਾਰ, ਬੋਲੋ ਜੀ ਵਾਹਿਗੁਰੂ ! ! !

Sikhaa Noo Sikhee Daan, Kesh Daan, Rehit Daan, Bibek Daan, Bharosaa Daan, Daanaa Sir Daan Naam Daan, Chounkiyaa Jhande Bunge Jugo Jug Attal, Dharam Ka Jai Kaar Bolo Ji Waheguroo

Kindly confer upon the Sikhs the gift of Sikhism, the gift of long hair, the gift of observing Sikh laws, the gift of divine knowledge, the gift of firm faith, the gift of belief and the biggest gift of Name. O God! May the choirs, the mansion and the banners exist forever; may the truth ever triumph; utter WaheGuru *(Wondrous God)*!

ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਦਾ ਮਨ ਨੀਵਾਂ, ਮਤ ਉੱਚੀ ਮਤ ਦਾ ਰਾਖਾ ਆਪ ਵਾਹਿਗੁਰੂ।

Sikhaa Daa Man Neevaa, Mat Uchee, Mat Pat Daa Raakhaa Aap Waheguroo

May the minds of all the Sikhs remain humble and their wisdom exalted; O God! Your are the protector of wisdom.

ਹੇ ਨਿਮਾਣਿਆਂ ਦੇ ਮਾਣ, ਨਿਤਾਣਿਆਂ ਦੇ ਤਾਣ, ਨਿਓਟਿਆਂ ਦੀ ਓਟ, ਸੱਚੇ ਪਿਤਾ, ਵਾਹਿਗੁਰੂ ! ਆਪ ਦੇ ਹਜ਼ੂਰ....ਦੀ ਅਰਦਾਸ ਹੈ ਜੀ।

Hey Nimaneeaa De Maan, Nitaneeaa De Taan, Nioteeaa Di Ot, Sachey Pita Waheguroo (Aap Di Hazoor....Di Aardas hai Ji)

O True Father, Wahe Guru! you are the honour of the meek, the Power of the helpless ones, the shelter of the shelterless, we humbly make prayer in your

presence.....*(substitute the occasion or prayer made here)*.

ਅੱਖਰ ਵਾਧਾ ਘਾਟਾ ਭੁੱਲ ਚੁੱਕ ਮਾਫ ਕਰਨੀ। ਸਰਬੱਤ ਦੇ ਕਾਰਜ ਰਾਸ ਕਰਨੇ।

Akhar Vaadhaa Ghaataa Bhul Chuk Maaf Karnee, Sarbat De Kaaraj Raas Karney.

Kindly pardon our errors and shortcomings in reciting the above Prayer. Kindly fulfill the objects of all.

ਸੇਈ ਪਿਆਰੇ ਮੇਲ, ਜਿਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਮਿਲਿਆਂ ਤੇਰਾ ਨ ਚਿੱਤਆਵੇ। ਨਾਨਕ ਨਾਮ ਚੜ੍ਹਦੀ ਕਲਾ, ਤੇਰੇ ਭਾਣੇ ਸਰਬੱਤ ਦਾ ਭਲਾ।

Seyee Piyare Mel, Jina Miliya Teraa Naam Chit Aavai, Naanak Naam Chardi Kala, Tere Bhaaney Sarbat Daa Bhalaa

Kindly cause us to meet those true devotees by meeting whom, we may remember and meditate upon Your Name. O God! through the True Guru Nanak, may Your Name be exalted, and may all prosper according to Your will.

ਵਾਹਿਗੁਰੂ ਜੀ ਕਾ ਖ਼ਾਲਸਾ, ਵਾਹਿਗੁਰੂ ਜੀ ਕੀ ਫਤਹਿ ।

Waheguroo Ji Ka Khaalsaa Waheguroo Ji Ki Fateh

The Khalsa belongs to God; all victory is the victory of God.

Embark on a Journey of the Soul: Nurture Your Spirit

Discover practices to elevate your spiritual journey and find deeper meaning in life.

Sikhism's three fundamental principles for the journey**:**

Naam Japna: remembering Divine

Kirat Karni: work honestly

Vand Chhakna: sharing with others

Guide us towards spiritual liberation (mukti) and a just society. These principles, enshrined in the Guru Granth Sahib, form the bedrock of Sikh life.

4th Guru Ram Das Ji's Wisdom for Daily Practice: In the Guru Granth Sahib (pages 305-306), He offers profound insights into a Sikh's daily spiritual journey:

1. **1st Task of the Day:** A true disciple of the Guru begins each day by lovingly remembering Divine.

2. **Purify Body and Mind:** Rise early, bathe, and immerse yourself in the remembrance of God, feeling your soul bathed in divine nectar.

3. **Release Through Remembrance:** Following the Guru's teachings and remembering Divine's Name with devotion removes suffering and inner turmoil caused by worldly attachments.

4. **Sing and Reflect:** Continuously sing Divine praises and reflect on Divine Name throughout your daily activities.

5. **Become a Beacon of Peace:** A Guru's follower who lovingly remembers Divine Name with every breath becomes a serene and inspiring soul.

6. **Receive Divine Wisdom:** The Guru bestows this profound wisdom upon

those who have earned His grace.

7. **Inspire Others:** Guru Nanak bows to the disciple who not only remembers Divine Name but also inspires others to do the same.

8. **Rare and Precious Souls:** Truly devoted individuals are rare, yet their remembrance of Divine benefits countless others spiritually.

9. **Avoid Negativity:** Distance yourself from those who ignore the Guru's teachings and remain trapped in the cycle of spiritual ignorance. Beware of those who speak sweetly in your presence but spread negativity behind your back.

Philosophy for the Journey

Philosophy of Sikhism is characterized by logic, comprehensiveness and its "without frills" approach to the spiritual and material world. Its theology is marked by simplicity. In Sikh ethics there is no conflict between the individual's duty to the self and that towards society (sangat).

Sikhism is the youngest world religion founded by Guru Nanak some 500 years ago. It emphasizes the belief in One Supreme Being and the Creator (Waheguru) of the universe. It offers a simple straight path to eternal bliss and spreads a message of love and universal brotherhood. Sikhism is strictly a monotheistic faith and recognizes God as the only One who is not subject to limits of time or space.Sikhism believes that there is only one God, who is the Creator, Sustainer, Destroyer and does not take human form. The theory of incarnation has no place in Sikhism. It does not attach any value to gods and goddesses and other deities.

In Sikhism the ethics and religion go together. One must inculcate moral qualities and practice virtues in everyday life in order to step towards spiritual development. Qualities such as honesty, compassion, generosity, patience and humility can only be built up by efforts and perseverance. The lives of our Great Gurus are a source of inspiration in this direction.

The Sikh religion teaches that the goal of human life is to break the cycle of birth and death and merge with God. This can be accomplished by following the teachings of the Guru, meditation on the Holy Name (Naam) and performance of acts of service and charity.

Naam Marg emphasizes daily devotion to the remembrance of God. One has to control the five feelings, viz., Kam (Desire), Krodh (anger), Loabh (greed), Moh (worldly attachment) and Ahankar (pride) to achieve salvation. union The rituals and routine practices like fasting and pilgrimage, omens and austerities are rejected in Sikh religion. The goal of human life is to merge with God and this is accomplished by following the teachings of Guru Granth Sahib. Sikhism emphasizes Bhagti Marg or the path of devotion. It does, however, recognize the importance of Gian Marg (Path of Knowledge) and Karam Marg (Path of Action).

It lays greatest stress on the need for earning God's Grace in order to reach the spiritual goal.

Sikhism is a modern, logical, and practical religion. It believes that normal family-life (Grahast) is no barrier to salvation. Celibacy or renunciation of the world is not necessary to achieve salvation. It is possible to live detached in the midst of worldly ills and temptations. A devotee must live in the world and yet keep his head above the usual tension and turmoil. He must be a scholarly soldier, and saint for God.

Sikhism is a cosmopolitan and a "secular religion" and thus rejects all distinctions based on caste, creed, race or sex. It believes all human beings are equal in the eyes of God. The Gurus stressed on equality of women and rejected female infanticide and Sati (widow burning) practice. They also actively propagated widow remarriage and rejected purdah system (women wearing veils). In order to keep the mind focused on Him one must meditate on the holy Name (Naam) and perform the acts of service and charity. It is considered honorable to earn one's livelihood through honest work (Kirat Karna) and not by begging or dishonest means. Vand Chhakna, sharing with others, is also a social responsibility. The individual is expected to help those in need, through the Daswandh (10% of his earnings). Seva, community service is also an integral part of Sikhism. The free community kitchen (langar) found at every gurdwara and open to people of all religions is one expression of this community service.

Sikh religion advocates optimism and hope. It does not accept the ideology of pessimism.The Gurus believed that this life has a purpose and a goal. It offers an opportunity for self and God realization. Moreover man is responsible for his own actions. He cannot claim immunity from the results of his actions. He must therefore be very vigilant in what he does.

The Sikh Scripture, Guru Granth Sahib, is the Eternal Guru. This is the only religion which has given the Holy Book the status of a religious preceptor. There is no place for a living human Guru (Dehdhari) in Sikh religion.

Role Of Women

The principles of Sikhism state that women have the same souls as men and possess an equal right to cultivate their spirituality. They can lead religious congregations, take part in the Akhand Path (the continuous recitation of the Holy Scriptures), perform *Kirtan* (congregational singing of hymns), work as Granthis (priests). They can participate in all religious, cultural, social, and secular activities. Sikhism was the first major world religions giving equality to men and women. Guru Nanak, preached gender-based equality, and the gurus who succeeded him encouraged women to take a full part in all the activities of Sikh worship and practice.

The Guru Granth Sahib states,

"Women and men, all are created by God. All this is God's play. Says Nanak, all thy creation is good and Holy" **-SGGS p.304**

Sikh history has recorded the role of women portraying them as equal in service, devotion, sacrifice, and bravery to men. Many examples of women's moral dignity, service, and self-sacrifice are written in the Sikh tradition.

According to Sikhism, men and women are two sides of the same coin. In the system of interrelations and interdependence where man takes birth from woman, and woman is born of man's seed. According to Sikhism a man cannot feel secure and complete in his life without a woman, and a man's success is related to the love and support of the woman who shares her life with him, and vice versa. Guru Nanak said:

"[it] is a woman who keeps the race going" and that we should not "consider woman cursed and condemned, [when] from woman are born leaders and kings." SGGS Page 473.

Salvation: An important point to raise is whether a religion considers women capable of achieving salvation, realisation of God here or the highest spiritual realm. The Guru Granth Sahib states,

***"In all beings is the Lord pervasive, the Lord pervades all forms male and female"* (Guru Granth Sahib, p.605).**

From the above statement from the Guru Granth Sahib, the light of God rests equally with both sexes. Both men and women can therefore attain equally salvation by following Guru's teachings. In many religions, a woman is considered a hindrance to man's spirituality, but not in Sikhism. The Guru rejects this. In 'Current Thoughts on Sikhism', Alice Basarke states,

"the first Guru put woman on a par with man…woman was not a hindrance to man, but a partner in serving God and seeking salvation".

Marriage: Guru Nanak recommended *grhastha*—the life of a householder, Instead of celibacy and renunciation, Husband and wife were equal partners and fidelity was enjoined upon both. In the sacred verses, domestic happiness is presented as a cherished ideal and marriage provided a running metaphor for the expression of love for the Divine. Bhai Gurdas, poet of early Sikhism and an authoritative interpreter of the Sikh doctrine, pays high tribute to women. He says:

"A woman, is the favourite in her parental home, loved dearly by her father and mother. In the home of her in-laws, she is the pillar of the family, the guarantee of its good fortune… Sharing in spiritual wisdom and enlightenment and with noble qualities endowed, a woman, the other half of man, escorts him to the door of liberation." (Varan, V.16)

Equal Status: To ensure equal status between men and women, the Gurus made no distinction between the sexes in matters of initiation, instruction or participation in *sangat* (holy fellowship) and *pangat* (eating together) activities.

According to Sarup Das Bhalla, Mahima Prakash, Guru Amar Das disfavoured the use of the veil by women. He assigned women to supervise some communities in disciples and preached against the custom of *sati*. Sikh history records the names of several women, such as Mata Gujri Mai Bhago, Mata Sundari, Rani Sahib Kaur, Rani Sada Kaur and Maharani Jind Kaur, who played important roles in the events of their time

Education: Education is considered very important in Sikhism. It is the key to anyone's success. It is a process of personal development and it is the reason why the 3rd Guru set up many schools. The Guru Granth Sahib states,
"All divine knowledge and contemplation is obtained through the Guru" **(Guru Granth Sahib, p.831).**

Education for all is essential and everyone must work to be the best they can be. Fifty two of the Sikh missionaries sent out by the 3rd Guru were women. In, 'The Role and Status of Sikh Women', Dr Mohinder Kaur Gill writes, ***"Guru Amar Das was convinced that no teachings can take root until and unless they are accepted by women folk".***

Restrictions on Clothes: Apart from requiring women not to wear a veil, Sikhism makes a simple yet very important statement regarding dress code. This applies to all Sikhs regardless of gender. The Guru Granth Sahib states,

"Avoid wearing those clothes in which the body is uncomfortable and mind is filled with evil thoughts." **SGGS, Page 16**

Thus, the Sikhs will realise what type of clothes fill the mind with evil thoughts and should avoid them. Sikh women are expected to defend themselves with Kirpan (sword) and others, this is unique for women because it is the first time in history when women were expected to defend themselves and they are not expected to be dependent on men for physical protection.

SGGS Quotes: **"In the earth and in the sky, I do not see any second. Among all the women and the men, His Light is shining. " Sggs Page 223. From woman, man is born; within woman, man is conceived; to woman he is engaged and married. Woman becomes his friend; through woman, the future generations come. When his woman dies, he seeks another woman; to woman he is bound. So why call her bad? From her, kings are born. From woman, woman is born; without woman, there would be no one at all. Guru Nanak, SGGS Page 473**

In regard to dowry: "O my Lord, give me thy name as my wedding gift and dowry." Shri Guru Ram Das ji, Page 78, line 18 SGGS

Regarding the practice of Purdah: "Stay, stay, O daughter-in-law - do not cover your face with a veil. In the end, this shall not bring you even half a shell. The one before you used to veil her face; do not follow in her footsteps. The only merit in veiling your face is that for a few days, people will say, "What a noble bride has come". Your veil shall be true only if you skip, dance and sing the Glorious praises of God. -P. 484, SGGS

Women and indeed all souls were strongly encouraged to lead a spiritual life: "Come, my dear sisters and spiritual companions; hug me close in your embrace. Let's join together, and tell stories of our All-powerful Husband Lord."-Guru Nanak, pg 17, SGGS.

"Friend, all other wear ruins happiness, the wear that to the limbs is torment, and with foul thinking fills the mind"-SGGS Page 16

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Turban is and has always been an inseparable part of a Sikh. Since about 1500 A.D and the time of Guru Nanak, the founder of Sikhism, Sikhs have been wearing the turban.

The turban or "pagri" often shortened to "pag" or "dastar" are different words in various dialect for the same article. All these words refer to the garment worn by both men and women to cover their heads. It is a headdress consisting of a long scarf-like single piece of cloth wound round the head or sometimes an inner "hat" or patka. Traditionally in India, the turban was only worn by men of high status in society; men of low status or of lower castes were not allowed to wear a turban.

Although the keeping of unshorn hair was mandated by Guru Gobind Singh as one of the Five K's or five articles of faith, it has long been closely associated with Sikhism since the very beginning of Sikhi in 1469. Sikhism is the only religion in the world in which wearing a turban is mandatory for all adult males. Vast majority of people who wear turbans in the Western countries are Sikhs. The Sikh pagdi is also called dastaar. 'Dastar' is a Persian word. It means 'Hand of God' implying His Blessing.

Sikhs are famous for their many and distinctive turbans. Traditionally, the turban represents respectability, and has long been an item once reserved for nobility only. During the Mughal domination of India, only the Muslims were allowed to wear a turban. All non-muslims were strictly barred from wearing one.

Guru Gobind Singh, in defiance of this infringement by the Mughals asked all of his Sikhs to wear the turban. This was to be worn in recognition of the high moral standards that he had charted for his Khalsa followers. He wanted his Khalsa to be distinct and be determined "to stand out from the rest of the world". He wanted them to follow the unique path that had been set out by the Sikh Gurus. Thus, a turbaned Sikh has always stood out from the crowd, as the Guru intended; for he wanted his 'Saint-Soldiers' to not only be easily recognizable, but easily found as well.

When a Sikh man or woman dons a turban, the turban ceases to be just a band of cloth; for it becomes one and the same with the Sikh's head. The turban, as well as the four other articles of faith worn by Sikhs, has an immense spiritual and temporal significance. While the symbolism associated with wearing a turban are many — sovereignty, dedication, self-respect, courage and piety, but!, the main reason that Sikhs wear a turban is to show--their love, obedience and respect for the founder of the Khalsa Guru Gobind Singh.

The above high-lighted words need to be replaced by something else. Could be ‘reasons for’ "The turban is our Guru's gift to us. It is how we crown ourselves as the Singhs and Kaurs who sit on the throne of commitment to our own higher consciousness. For men and women alike, this projective identity conveys royalty, grace, and uniqueness. It is a signal to others that we live in the image of Infinity and are dedicated to serving all. The turban doesn't represent anything except complete commitment. When you choose to stand out by tying your turban, you stand fearlessly as one single person standing out from six billion people. It is a most outstanding act."

Humility key Essence In Your Journey

Humility is an important aspect of Sikhism. According to this, Sikhs must bow in humility before God. Humility or Nimrata, in Punjabi are closely related words. **Nimrata** is a virtue that is vigorously promoted in Gurbani. The translation of this Punjabi word is **"Humility"**, **"Benevolence"** or **"Humbleness."** Someone whose mind is not distracted by the thought that he or she is better or more important than someone.

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This is an important quality for all humans to nurture and one that is an essential part of a Sikh's mind set and this quality must accompany the Sikh at all times.
The other four qualities in the Sikh arsenal are:
Truth (Sat), Contentment (Santokh), Compassion (Daya) and Love(Pyaar).

These five qualities are essential to a Sikh and it is their duty to meditate and recite Gurbani to inculate these virtues and make them a part of their personality.

What Gurbani tells us:

"The fruit of humility is intuitive peace and pleasure. With Humility they continue to meditate on God, the Treasure of excellence. The God-conscious being is steeped in humility. One whose heart is mercifully blessed with abiding humility. Sikhism deal Humility as begging bowl before the god,"

Guru Nanak, First Guru Of Sikhism:

"Listening and believing with love and humility in your mind cleanse yourself with the Name, at the sacred shrine deep within."- SGGS Page 4.

"Make contentment your ear-rings, humility your begging bowl, and meditation the ashes you apply to your body."-SGGS Page 6.

"In the realm of humility, the Word is Beauty. Forms of incomparable beauty are fashioned there." SGGS Page 8.

"Modesty, humility and intuitive understanding are my mother-in-law and father-in-law" -SGGS Page 152.

Journey Towards Spirituality

Guru Granth Sahib is an eternal living Guru, a poetic composition of Sikh Gurus, Hindu and Muslim Saints. The compilation is a gift from God through them to all mankind. The vision in the Guru Granth Sahib is of a society based on Divine justice without oppression of any kind. While the Granth acknowledges and respects the scriptures of Hinduism and Islam, it does not imply a moral reconciliation with either of these religions. In Guru Granth Sahib women are highly respected with equal roles as men. Women have the same souls as men and thus possess an equal right to cultivate their spirituality with equal chance of achieving liberation. Women can participate in all religious, cultural, social, and secular activities including leading religious congregations.

Sikhism advocates equality, social justice, service to humanity, and tolerance for other religions. The essential message of Sikhism is spiritual devotion and reverence of God at all times while practicing the ideals of compassion, honesty, humility and generosity in everyday life. The three core tenets of the Sikh religion are meditating and remembering God, Working for Honest living and sharing with others.

Congratulations for making an effort to go on this Spiritual Journey for the soul. The translation can never be close to original, especially when the complete Guru Granth Sahib is in poetry and the use of metaphors makes the task exceedingly difficult. In the Divine message, Hindu & Muslim mythological stories are often used Pralahad , Harnakash, laxmi, Brahma etc. Please do not read them literally but understand their underlying message. The focus is on the fact that God is one and to have union with Him is the goal of human life.

This work has been done over years by several volunteers, to get to you the Divine message in your language. If you have any questions, please feel free to email walnut@gmail.com and we would love to join you on this journey.